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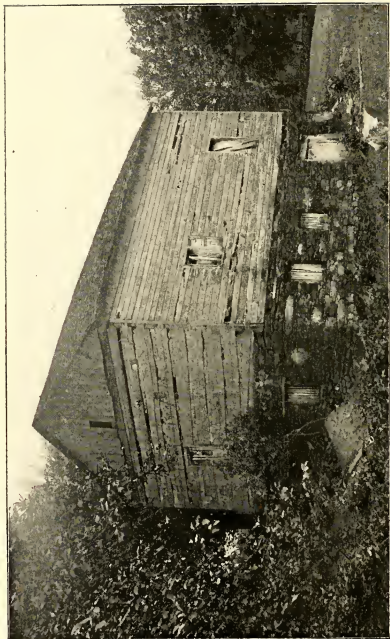
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## PREFACE.

When in the active duties of the ministry in the Reformed Church in Catawba and Lincoln Counties, N. C., I preached among the Shufords who were then living in that part of the country. I then learned their early history from graveyard records, old family Bibles, and from household conversations. I have since that time received other information from members of the family who are now living in different parts of the country. This information is now given in this book, which is submitted to the family and a reading public.

I desire to thank those who have assisted me in gathering family history, and also those who have assisted me in writing the book.

J. H. S.

JOHN SHUFORD. 1417524

According to the best information given me, a man by the name of John Shuford left the State of Pennsylvania, before the war of the Revolution, and came South, and settled in the western part of North Carolina. The beautiful farm upon which he settled is found upon the west bank of South Fork River, in what is now Catawba County, North Carolina. That part of the farm upon which he built his house and lived is now in the possession of Mr. Lee Whitener, of Hickory, N. C.

The place where John Shuford was born is not known to the writer. He was a man of German origin and spoke the German language, and was found in North Carolina as early as 1766, but may have been in that state before that date. When he came South, he was a married man, and brought his wife and children with him. Before he came South, his home was at, or near, York, Pa.

The house that John Shuford built is still standing, and marks the place where he and his family lived. The house is built upon a plain style. It is the kind of house that a pioneer settler would erect.

The house is built of logs hewn from the forest. It has a rock structure about ten feet high for a basement. Under the house is found a spring, the branch of which flows into another branch, which flows into the South Fork River. Here he had an excellent place to keep his milk and butter and all kinds of fresh meat during the long, hot, summer days.

There is a grave-yard not far from the house. The

grave-yard is located on an elevated piece of land, and marks the place where John Shuford and wife, and other members of his family are buried.

According to the grave-stone, which marks John Shuford's resting place, he died in the year 1790.

John Shuford is the father of the Shuford family in North Carolina. This family of people have settled in many of the states of the South and Southwest. There is a large family of them that live in the Western part of North Carolina, where John Shuford lived and ended his pilgrim days. Martin Shuford, George Shuford, Jacob Shuford, Daniel Shuford, and David Shuford were the sons of John Shuford.

He had a daughter by the name of Magdalene Shuford, and a son by the name of John Shuford.

The older settlers say there was a battle fought on the John Shuford farm. This battle was fought between the Cherokee Indians and the white settlers of that locality. These Indians had come across the mountains to destroy the new settlers of the locality.

In this battle, the white people were the conquering party. This was probably the last battle that was fought in that section between the white people and the Indians. The white people from that time held the country.

The original farm that John Shuford entered was a large one. The farm contained 1,500 or 2,000 acres.

There are many counties in the Western part of North Carolina that were settled by German people from Pennsylvania. They began to come South as early as 1750. Families came at different times, and they continued to come until some time before the war of the Revolution.

John Shuford came South with some of these people. He came to North Carolina about 1760. He is the

father of the Shuford family in North Carolina and other states.

The first house that John Shuford built was destroyed by fire, when an Indian battle was fought upon the farm. This was about 1762. The second house that he built is still standing. This house is built over a spring. The early settlers in Western North Carolina built their houses over springs. This was done for protection in case of a siege by the Indians. Here they could have water to drink, and also could store away provisions. The houses had holes in them from which they could shoot at their assailants.

John Shuford was a pioneer settler. He was among those who fought for the country in Western North Carolina. They captured it from the Indians and held it for their posterity.

John Shuford is the father of a large family of people. They are now found in the Southern States and some of the states farther north.

He was not a man that would surrender to difficulties. He was fitted by nature to be a frontier man. His sons were tall, strong, and stout-built, and fitted by nature to hold the land that their father had found for them and their offspring.



## THE GERMAN PEOPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

There are some counties in the western part of North Carolina that were settled by German people from Pennsylvania. They came to North Carolina some

years before the war of the Revolution.

The descendants of these people are among the best people in North Carolina.

Among them are found farmers, lawyers, merchants, and ministers of the Gospel. They are a patriotic people. They make good soldiers in the time of war.

They have good schools and churches. The most of these German people are members of the Reformed and Lutheran Churches.

John Shuford came to North Carolina with these German people. He is the father of the Shuford family in North Carolina and other states.



#### MARTIN SHUFORD.

Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford who died in 1790. Martin Shuford was born in 1744. The father of Martin Shuford came from Pennsylvania some years before the war of the Revolution, and his son was doubtless born in Pennsylvania. His father located upon the South Fork of Catawba River, in what was then Tryon County, North Carolina. This part of the county was given the name of Lincoln County in 1799. In 1842, it received the name of Catawba County.

Here Martin Shuford spent his life until he was thirty-six years of age, when he died in 1780. Martin Shuford married Eve Warlick, who is a member of the Warlick family in Lincoln and Catawba Counties. The children of this marriage are Jacob, John, Martin, Daniel, Elizabeth, and Philip Shuford. This branch of the Shuford

family has people living in most of the states of the South and South-West. As a family they have maintained a high character of respectability. They have occupied places of honor and influence in church and state. They have represented their county in state legislatures in North Carolina and Texas. In the time of the war between the states, they made good soldiers. The most of these soldiers fought under Lee in Virginia.

Some of them died on the field of battle, and others surrendered under Lee at Appomattox. They are a progressive people, and take an active part in the improvements of church and state. Some of them have served in the active duties of the ministry, and have made good soldiers of the Cross.



#### JACOB SHUFORD.

Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790. The mother of Jacob Shuford was Eve Warlick, who married Martin Shuford.

Jacob Shuford was born in Lincoln County, now Catawba County, N. C., Feb. 12, 1770. His wife, Margaret Hoyle, was born June 28, 1769. They were married in 1789.

Jacob Shuford lived on a part of the old John Shuford farm, to which he became heir after the death of his father. His father died in 1780. At that time Jacob Shuford was 10 years of age. The beautiful farm on which he lived is found upon the west bank of the South

Fork River. A part of the old house in which he lived is still standing. The house is by a branch that flows into the South Fork River. Here Jacob Shuford raised his family. He was the grandfather of the author of this book. There the father of the author of this book was raised.

The children of Jacob and Margaret Hoyle Shuford are:

Elizabeth Shuford,	1790;
John Shuford,	1792;
Martin Shuford,	1794;
Abel Shuford,	1796;
Eve Shuford,	1799;
Fannie Shuford,	1801;
Eli Shuford,	1803;
Jacob Shuford,	1805;
Elkanah Shuford,	1807;
Andrew Shuford,	1810;
Susan Shuford,	1813.

These children lived to be grown and married and raised families. The father of the author of this book belongs to this family. His name is Jacob Shuford, who was born in 1805.

After grandfather Jacob Shuford raised his family, he gave his farm upon the South Fork River to his son Eli Shuford. Uncle Eli Shuford lived upon the farm until a short while before the Civil War. He sold the farm and moved to Texas.

After Jacob Shuford left his farm upon the South Fork River, he located upon his farm near Catawba, North Carolina. This farm was known as the "Bunker Hill" farm. There he spent his last days.

He had a mill upon this farm, and also a store. His son, Elkanah Shuford, had charge of the store.

Jacob Shuford and wife were members of the Re-



formed Church. They became members of the Reformed Church under the ministry of Rev. Andrew Loretz, who is the father of the Reformed Church in North Carolina. It was through the liberality of Jacob Shuford that his grandson, M. L. Shuford, was sent to College at Mercersburg, Pa., where he graduated and became a minister in the Reformed Church.

Jacob Shuford was a good business man, and owned several large farms. He was able to assist his children in getting good homes.

Margaret Shuford died June 20, 1840, age 71 years.

Jacob Shuford died April 1, 1844, age 74 years, one month, and 20 days.

They are both buried at the Bunker Hill farm, where they spent their last days.



#### MARGARET HOYLE-SHUFORD.

Margaret Hoyle was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina, in 1769. She married Jacob Shuford in 1789. Jacob Shuford was born Feb. 12, 1770.

Margaret Hoyle descended from a family of people, who, for several generations, lived in the locality of Wiesbaden, Germany.

Her ancestors came to America in 1741, and lived in Frederick County, Maryland. They came South and settled on the South Fork of Catawba River. This was in 1744. The place where they settled was then called Tryon County, North Carolina, now Lincoln County, North Carolina.

The grandfather of Margaret Hoyle was Peter Hoyle, who died Nov. 1, 1781, age 71 years. The wife of Peter Hoyle died April 7, 1787, age 83 years.

The father of Margaret Hoyle was John Hoyle, who was born June 1, 1740. John Hoyle married Margaret Costner, of Mecklenburg County, March 17, 1763. There were 13 children of this marriage.

Margaret Hoyle was the third child of this marriage. She was born in 1769.



### JOHN SMYER.

John Smyer was born Oct. 14, 1785; died Feb. 25, 1877; 91 years, 4 mo., 11 days.

Elizabeth Smyer born Sept. 3, 1790; died Oct. 19, 1864. Unto them were born 14 children.

Malinda Smyer married Joseph Rowe.

Eli Smyer married and lived in Texas.

Rufus Smyer married Miss Ducus in S. C.

Jacob Smyer married Miss McKee; died in Ala.

Mahala Smyer married Alexander Frazier; died Oct. 6, 1846, aged 27 years, 5 months, and 9 days.

Frank Smyer married in Ala.

Martha Smyer married Jake Smyer; died in Mo.

Louisa Smyer died at 7 years.

Fannie R. Smyer married C. J. Frazier; died Dec. 17, 1849, aged 24 years, 8 months, 13 days.

Jenelah M. Smyer married C. J. Frazier; died July 10, 1898, aged 71 years.

Elkanah Smyer went to Cal. 1853 and there married.

The only one living.

Joseph H. Smyer married Mary Ross in S. C., and there died 1899, aged 68 years.

Louisa Smyer died; age 2 years.

Jones Smyer was killed in the war; belonged to the 12th N. C. regiment.

Malinda (Smyer) Rowe's children:

Elizabeth Rowe married Caleb Harman.

Julia Ann Rowe married Seitz.

Martha Rowe married Pane.

Rosa Bella Rowe married Cline.

Alonzo Rowe married Miss Deal and moved to Texas.

Dallas Rowe married Miss Finger.

Eli Smyer's home was blessed with seven children.

Rufus Smyer had nine children.

Jacob Smyer had three children.

Cicero Smyer died in war.

Frances Smyer died in infancy.

Francis Smyer married Miss Miller.

Mahala (Smyer) Frazier had three children.

Janeliah Frazier.

Frances Frazier married Probst.

Frank Frazier died in war.

Frank Smyer had 4 children, three boys and one girl.

Martha (Smyer) Smyer had seven children: William, Robert, Cyrus, Elizabeth, Joe, John, and Emma whose homes are in Mo.

Fannie (Smyer) Frazier's home was blessed with 2 children.

Emma Frazier married W. A. Costner.

Quince Frazier married and settled in Tenn.

Elkanah Smyer married in his 64th year, and is blessed with four children, three boys and one girl.

Joseph Smyer had 11 children.

Robert Smyer lives in Chester, S. C.

William Smyer died young.

John Smyer was killed on a railroad.

Tennie Smyer married Isaacs.

Roxy Smyer married Gibson.

Mamie Smyer married Hoover.

Frank Smyer died of fever.

Viola Smyer married Brown.

Nancy Smyer is still unmarried.

Willie Smyer is a conductor on a railroad.

Dollie Smyer married John Gall.

The foregoing article has been furnished by Mrs. William Costner, of Lincolnton, N. C., a grand daughter of John Smyer.



#### ELIZABETH SHUFORD-SMYER.

Elizabeth Shuford is a daughter of Jacob Shuford who died in 1844.

Elizabeth Shuford married John Smyer, of Lincoln, now Catawba County, N. C. The father of John Smyer came from Reading, Pa. He was of Swiss origin. John Smyer was the owner of a fine farm in Catawba County, N. C. He lived and died on this farm. He and his wife are buried at Salem Reformed and Lutheran church, Lincoln County, N. C. His wife was a member the Reformed Church. John Smyer was raised in the Lutheran Church.

Joseph Rowe married a daughter of John and Elizabeth Smyer. They lived in Catawba County, N. C.

He was a farmer by occupation. They were both members of the Reformed Church, and he was an elder in St. John's Reformed congregation.

J. D. Rowe is a son of Joseph Rowe. He married Miss Finger, of Lincoln County, N. C. When a young man he became a soldier in the Confederate Army, and was a member of Capt. Adolphus Bost's company in the 46th N. C. regiment. He was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness. He lives in Lincolnton, N. C.

J. D. Rowe is a licentiate of Concord Presbytery, and finished his theological studies in Columbia Theological Seminary, S. C. His son Fred Rowe is a graduate of Davidson College, and is teaching in Georgia. His son John Rowe is a student in Davidson College. His daughter Mary Rowe is teaching school in Texas.

Alonzo Rowe is a son of Joseph Rowe. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was wounded at Pea Ridge, Ark., and was a soldier in the Army of the Southwest. After he was wounded he returned to N. C. He then became a member of the 46th N. C. regiment, and served as a soldier until the close of the war. After the war he married a Miss Deal, and made his home in Texas. He was a successful business man. He died in Texas. His widow lives in Texas.

Emma Frazier is a daughter of Cyrus Frazier, and a grand-daughter of John Smyer. She married William Costner. They live near the old homestead of John Smyer. They are both members of the Lutheran Church at Salem, Lincoln County, N. C.

## JOHN SHUFORD.

John Shuford is a son of Jacob Shuford who died in 1844. He is a grand-son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780, and a great-grand-son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

John Shuford first married a Miss Wilfong. There was one child of this marriage by the name of Logan Shuford, who died in 1833.

J. J. Shuford was born in 1792. In 1817 he married Catharine Corpening, of Burke County, N. C.

John Shuford lived in Catawba County, N. C. He had a fine farm and also owned and worked a gold mine. He died in 1873; age 81 years. His wife, Catharine Shuford, died in 1868. They were members of the Reformed Church at Smyrna, Catawba County, N. C.

The children of John Shuford and wife are: Marcus, Frank, Quince, Levi, Fannie, Pink, Susan, and Henry.



## DR. FRANKLIN BREVARD SHUFORD.

Dr. Franklin Brevard Shuford was born in Lincoln County, N. C., Feb. 3, 1820. His father was John Shuford, who was born in 1792. John Shuford was the second child and oldest son of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

Dr. Shuford in 1838 attended the school of Peter S. Ney (the eccentric Frenchman, supposed to have been Marshal Ney). In 1840 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, Mercersburg, Pa. He received the degree of B. A. from that institution in 1844. He attended medical colleges, first at Charleston, S. C., and later at Philadelphia. He went to Mississippi in 1847 and located at Holly Springs. Soon afterward he went to New Orleans, La., and attended a course of lectures at the University of Louisiana, now Tulane University. He returned to Holly Springs, and practiced his profession until the opening of the Civil War, when he volunteered as a surgeon in the Confederate Army. He ranked as major, and had charge of a ward in the Chimborosa Hospital, Richmond, Va., until the close of the war. After the evacuation of Richmond, he left on foot, there being no other means of exit left by the retreating army, and walked to N. C. He returned to Mississippi, and practiced medicine until 1869, when he retired, and engaged in banking until 1881, when ill health forced him to retire from active work, and he was an invalid for ten years, until his death. Nov. 23, 1891.

Dr. Shuford was married in August 1870 to Elizabeth Reese Jones, of Holly Springs, Miss. To them were born four children, as follows:

Rufus Jones Shuford, born June 17, 1871, who lives in Holly Springs, Miss., and is engaged in the mercantile business.

Frances Crawford Shuford, oldest daughter of Franklin Brevard Shuford, was born Feb. 17, 1873, in Holly Springs, Miss. She attended a convent in that town for nine years. Then she studied music (piano), first at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and, later, at the Klindworth Conservatory in Berlin. Since her return

from Berlin, she has been a piano teacher in the Cincinnati Conservatory.

Augusta Reese Shuford, second daughter of Franklin Brevard Shuford, was born in Holly Springs, Miss., Feb. 22, 1875. She attended the convent in Holly Springs, until 16 years of age, then a private school in Cincinnati, Ohio, for one year, then left on account of illness. For five years she has been engaged in journalistic work, writing for several papers in New York City.

Franklin Brevard Shuford, born August 6, 1877. He is engaged in railroad work and lives at Water Valley, Miss. He was married Sept. 28, 1900, to Miss Lucile Hyde, of Mobile, Ala. They have one child, Lucile Reese Shuford, born Sept. 24, 1901.

The wife of Dr. Frank Shuford is now living at Holly Springs, Miss.

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The following article has been furnished by Miss Augusta R. Shuford. It appeared in a Holly Springs paper:

IN MEMORIAM.

Died at his residence in Holly Springs, Miss, November 23, 1891, at 5:30 a. m., Dr. Franklin Brevard Shuford.

He was born in Lincoln County, N. C., February, 1820, entered Peter Stuyvesant's school, New York, in 1838, where he remained for several years; afterwards attended Marshall College, Mercersburg, Penn., where he graduated in 1843. After reading medicine at Asheville, N. C., he attended the medical school at Charleston where he graduated with the highest honors of his profession. He came to Mississippi in 1847, after attended a course of lectures in the University of Louisiana in 1846, located in Holly Springs in 1851, and from



1851 to 1861 practiced medicine in Holly Springs and vicinity and had a large and lucrative practice among the best families of the state. In 1861 he enlisted as surgeon in the Confederate army, which position he held until the close of the war. Resuming his practice he became one of the most eminent physicians and practitioners in the northern part of the state. In 1869 he retired from his profession to assume the position of cashier in the Holly Springs Savings and Insurance Bank, which position he filled with marked ability until his resignation in 1881, caused by an attack of a peculiar nervous disease which enfeebled him physically for the remainder of his life.

He was married to Miss E. Reese Jones by Rev. H. H. Paine, April 18, 1871, and having four children, two sons and two daughters. He devoted his time to their educational training. A nature grand and heroic, he possessed those elements which make men great, yet whose rugged points were softened and refined by scholastic culture. Descended from a time honored family, the appointments of wealth and familiarity with the higher amenities of life gave him a polished manner which so eminently fitted him for the social life, which he adorned with his many virtues, and characterized him a perfect gentleman in all the walks of life.

Possessing a broad comprehension of mind, he grasped the vexed questions of his day with a masterly hand, and made them as clearly understood as the minor details of some developed plot. A proficient in political economy, his profound interchange of thought was sought by the most learned men and women of the day.

Familiarity with human suffering awoke in him a feeling so wondrous kind, and womanhood was regarded by him with a holy reverence, while little children commanded his kindest sympathy. During the painful

affliction of thirteen years his usefulness was not impaired; he controlled and settled large estates with the astuteness of a learned judge, and many a lone widow found in him a friend whose judgment saved a competence for the evening of life and a wise provision for her fatherless children.

He took a lively interest in all the progressive movements of the day and warmly seconded all projected issues which promised to enhance the building up of our town.

The development of the educational interests and the enlargement of the sphere and resources of woman commanded his special attention. Home was the clear firmament in which his character shone resplendent, the directing genius, he planned and executed with such an admirable fitness, that perfect harmony and happiness crowned the lives of his devoted wife and children with a sweet contentment, the offspring of the heart's perfect trustfulness. His last days were full of painful anguish, yet borne with the endurance of which martyrs are made. Fully conscious of his approaching end, he set his house in perfect order, and, with words of loving admonition and wise counsel, he pointed his children upward to a grand and noble plane of life, and among his last words to them he told them they must live by faith, and through faith attain the glorious reward of the soul's rest. To his devoted wife, who had been the faithful companion and unwearied nurse of his invalid years, his parting was touching and impressive, his confidence so perfect that he committed all his worldly interests to her keeping. His two daughters were summoned home from Cincinnati, where they were attending school, to attend his last moments, and their sweet ministrations of tender affections were a balm to his suffering spirit.

Conscious to the last moment of his life, he peacefully passed away, surrounded by loving and sympathizing friends. As we looked upon him in his peaceful rest, with hands folded, with life's grand task finished, above a heart so still and cold after life's noble throbbing; his face so peacefully calm, even in death, reflected the holy inspiration of divine impress, his day passed, life's journey ended. The friend of life's young morn, the friend of womanhood's years, and the friend of riper age; we left him alone in the majesty of death. The record of his life is one of the lasting footprints in the history of our town, and his memory will live in the hearts of those who loved and delighted to honor him. A large concourse of friends attended his funeral at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the Rev. J. C. Coldwell in a most impressive manner. The altar, draped heavily, was crowned with the laurel, oak, and bay, while summer's last offering of lovely flowers covered the casket. Sadly and reverently he was laid to rest in our cemetery, and how perfect the spirit's rest in its eternal home.

A FRIEND.



#### MARCUS SHUFORD.

Marcus Shuford was married to C. J. Houston in 1844. The children of this marriage are: Avery, Alexander, Ellen, Ann, and Bruce.

Marcus Shuford and wife are not living.

Avery Shuford married a Miss Sherrill, of Catawba County, and made their home in this county. Avery

died and is buried at Newton, N. C. At the time of his death he was Treasurer of Catawba County, and an elder in the Reformed church at Newton. His widow lives at Newton. After his death his son Byron was appointed County Treasurer. Byron is now a merchant and lives at Denver, N. C. He married a Miss Carpenter. The other children of Avery Shuford are: Clara, Katie, and James. Avery was a soldier in the Confederate army, being in the company of Capt. James Crawford, of Salisbury.

Alexander Shuford lives in Texas.

Ellen Shuford married Mr. Wilkinson of Catawba County, N. C. She is not living.

Ann Shuford married Mr. Wade Carpenter, of Lincoln County, N. C. He is not living. She is living.

Bruce Shuford settled at Tyler, Texas, and married. He has been in the postoffice at that place for many years.



#### FANNIE POWELL.

Mrs. Fannie Powell, widow of the late Dr. A. M. Powell, died June 17, 1901, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Little, at Catawba, aged 77 years, 4 months, and 3 days.

She was the oldest daughter of John J. and Catherine Shuford and was born Feb. 14, 1824.

Three brothers survive her; Levi Shuford, of Monbo,

N. C., Dr. Quince Shuford, of Tyler, Texas, and Henry F. Shuford, of Aberfoyle, Texas.

She was married to Dr. A. M. Powell, July 19, 1843, and was the mother of 12 children, all of whom lived to be grown. Three have preceeded her: Avery Powell, Edward Powell, and Dr. Tate Powell. Nine are still living: John and Robert Powell, of Starke, Fla.; Andrew Powell, of Duncan, Ari.; Frank Powell, of Asheville, N. C.; Pink Powell, of Charlotte; Charlie Powell, of Swan, Texas; Mrs. Dr. Blair, of Lenoir, N. C.; and Mrs. W. E. Yount, of Newton, N. C., and Mrs. Dr. Quince Little, of Catawba, N. C.

She has 40 grand-children living and 8 great-grand children. She died a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and had a great many friends in North Carolina and Florida, where she lived for a number of years.

M. P. C.



### LEVI A. SHUFORD.

Levi A. Shuford was born in Lincoln, now Catawba County, Jan. 28, 1822. He married Catharine Long in 1846. To them were born four children: Dr. J. W., Thomas F., Logan H., and Carrie. The wife of Levi Shuford died in 1892.

Levi Shuford was one of the owners of the Powell & Shuford Cotton Mills, at Long Island, Catawba County, and engaged in the mill business for many years. He afterward engaged in farming. He now lives with his son, Logan, at Monbo, N. C.

Dr. J. W. Shuford went to Texas soon after the war, where he settled and practiced his profession. He married Miss Joe Smith, of Tyler, Texas. They have six children: Claude, Clyde, Thomas, Pearl, Samuel, and Zelda. All live at Tyler, Texas, except Claude, who is a clerk in the postoffice at Austin, Texas. Dr. Shuford died in 1897.

Thomas F. Shuford is a farmer and lives at Catawba, N. C. He married Miss Hibernia Martin. They have six children: Willie, George, Guy, Vergie, Annie, and Alice. George is a street car conductor at Elizabethton, N. J. Guy is in Mississippi, and the others live in Catawba County.

Logan H. Shuford married Miss Lida N. Pearson in 1874. They have six children: Hal A., Eugene, Ed, May, Bessie, and Leslie. Hal is a printer and lives at Hickory, N. C. Eugene and Ed live in Texas. May married Mr. J. L. Turner, of Iredell County. The wife of L. H. Shuford died in 1885. He married the second time Mrs. Hinson, of Lincoln County in 1894. They have one child living, George Deck. Logan H. Shuford is a farmer by occupation. He is a prominent member of the M. E. Church South, and has been on the board of trustees and deacons of his church for 25 years. He was three times elected President of Catawba County Farmers' Alliance, and served three years on the County School Board. He was also a Justice of the Peace for some years.

Carrie Shuford married Mr. J. A. Neill, of Iredell County. To them were born four children: Lee, Buren, Frank, and Flow. Mr. Neill died in 1900, and his widow and children are living at Mooresville, N. C.

## MARTIN P. SHUFORD.

Martin P. Shuford was born in Lincoln, now Catawba, County, in 1794, and died April 1836, being 42 years of age. He is a son of Jacob Shuford who died in 1844, and a grand son of Martin Shuford who died in 1780, and a great-grand son of John Shuford who died in 1790.

He is buried in Cleveland County. He married Miss Rhoda Lowrance, of Catawba County.

After his death his wife moved to Medon, Tenn., and lived with her youngest daughter, Susan, until her death, which occurred in December 1878, being 86 years of age. She was buried at Medon, Tenn.

Martin P. Shuford represented Rutherford County in the Senate from 1825 to 1828. He also represented the same county in the Senate in 1833.

Martin Shuford and wife were the parents of 7 children; 4 boys and 3 girls. The children are Mortimer, Margaret, Catharine, Jacob Laban, Susan, Monroe, and Eli.

Margaret Amanda, the second child, was born Oct. 13, 1819. She married Theodore Houston, and moved to Canton, Ga., where her husband died, leaving one daughter. The daughter married and moved to Texas, and her mother accompanied her.

Catharine Eva Shuford was born Dec. 15, 1821. She married John Carpenter, and lived and died in Haywood County, N. C., leaving two sons; one, Charley, a Methodist minister. She and her husband are both buried in Haywood County.

Jacob Laban Shuford was born March 15, 1824.

Susan O. Shuford was born Oct. 24, 1829, and died Aug. 19, 1898. She was married to Mr. Nichols, of Mendon, Tenn. They both died there, leaving two daughters.

Eli P. Shuford was born April 26, 1826; died May 28, 1899, at the age of 73 years. He was married to Miss Rosana Jane Lee in December 1849. To them were born 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls; 6 of whom are living in Cleveland County. He was a licentiate exhorter in the Methodist Church.

James Monroe Shuford, the youngest of the family, was born July 7, 1831; died Oct 4, 1900. He graduated at Olin College, N. C., after which he went to Trinity College. He married Miss Elizabeth Rabb, of Statesville. He left a wife and 6 children; 5 boys and 1 girl, all of whom live at Fairview, Buncombe County, N. C. He spent his life teaching, and was a prominent educator.



#### [REV. MORTIMER L. SHUFORD.]

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In the decease of this excellent brother, we have lost a personal and very dear friend, having been associated with him, as classmate, during our entire literary and theological course. We always esteemed him very highly and now deem it a pleasure to bear this public testimony to his worth. Brother Shuford was a universal



favorite with his fellow students. He stood well in his classes, was attentive to his studies, kind-hearted, genial and courteous. He is remembered also as a very pleasant and efficient speaker. His feelings were strong and easily moved, his imagination brilliant, his voice clear and ringing, and his whole manner agreeable and impressive. We might recount many pleasant reminiscences of our student life if it were deemed necessary.

The following beautiful and appropriate sketch of his life was prepared by the Rev. Geo. L. Staley, D. D., and read at a memorial service held in his late charge. This sketch we propose to use with such slight changes only as may be deemed necessary to adapt it to our special purpose. After a few preliminary remarks, Dr. Staley proceeds to say:

The Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford was born in Ruthersford County, N. C., January, 24, 1818, and departed this life at Washington, D. C., November 7, 1883. "The family to which he belonged," according to the statement of a gentleman in no way connected with it, "is a very large one, many of the descendants of the great-grandfather of the Rev. M. L. Shuford having settled in adjoining Southern states; and as far as the facts are known, few families of the size of this one have maintained the same character of respectability—none more so." His great-great-grandfather was one of the earliest emigrants to that part of the old North State, in which the family is still largely represented, and went thither from York, Pa., making a home for himself in Lincoln County. His grandfather, Jacob Shuford, was born February 12, 1770, and in 1789 was married to Margaret Hoyl, who was descended from a highly respectable family, that had lived for several generations near Wiesbaden, Germany, but emigrated to this country in

1741, taking up its residence, first, in Frederick County, Md., and three years later, fixing its permanent home on the south fork of the Catawba River, in what was then known as Tryon County. As the fruit of this marriage there were eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, all of whom, as far as the writer can ascertain, established families and names of the highest respectability. Martin P. Shuford was the third child of this family, and two of his sons entered the ministry of the Gospel, the Rev. M. L. Shuford as a Reformed and the Rev. J. L. Shuford, now of St. Matthew's S. C., as a Methodist minister. The Rev. J. H. Shuford, Reformed pastor at Altemont, Ill., belongs also to this family, being a son of the uncle of our deceased brother. In all its branches the Shuford family has occupied places of honor and influence in their several communities, as professional and business men—as members of the Legislature in both branches—as county officers, and last, but not least, as prominent and successful farmers. This bit of family history is here given for the value it has, in setting forth conspicuously, how the Divine promise is fulfilled, in the order of the Christian family life, from one generation to another, "Upon them that fear him—to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them."

Of the early life of our departed brother, I have been able to ascertain but little deserving mention up to the time of his going to college. One little incident, perhaps significant of his future in another form, is all that I will relate. During a war excitement which prevailed in his neighborhood, he joined a regiment that had been raised for the war against the Seminole Indians, and served for a short time as its adjutant. Before

doing any actual military service, his grandfather (his father having died in 1836) induced him to change his plans and enter upon a course of preparation for a higher and nobler service under the great Captain of the Sacramental host of God's elect. This little circumstance he referred to frequently in his family by way of amusing his children, describing their father arrayed in full regimentals, with waving plume, and drawn sword, mounted on a spirited horse, riding proudly up and down the line of soldiers in full military array.

There was, however, other and better work than this for him to do. His pious grandfather, impressed with the conviction that he had abilities that would, if properly improved, qualify him for the preaching of the everlasting Gospel, determined to educate him for this work. Accordingly, in January, 1838, he entered the Preparatory Department of Marshall College at Mercersburg, Pa., and having completed the full college curriculum, graduated in 1844, having during the latter part of his classical course, carried along some theological studies. In the same year, in company with the Rev. H. St. John Rinker, and the late Rev. Hiram Shaull, he appeared before the Virginia Classis, in session at Zion's Church, Virginia, as a candidate for licensure. His examination proved satisfactory, he was duly licensed, and on presenting a call from the Lovettsville charge, Va., was ordained also to the work of the holy ministry. On the 11th of July following, he was married to Lucinda C. Sohn, of Mercersburg, Pa., a marriage which the Lord blessed with seven children, of which there are now but two remaining in the land of the living.

The Lovettsville pastorate continued for a period of five years, and seems (in the absence of any definite in-

formation) to have been, to say the least, moderately successful.

In November, 1849, he accepted a call to the Glade charge, Frederick County, Md., beginning his work there on the 21st of the month, but was not installed until the following June. During the eight years of his stay among this people he was enabled to build a fine brick church for the Glade congregation, while preaching and exercising pastoral care over the six or more congregations that formed the charge.

The present pastor, Rev. S. M. Hench, writes that, "his labors were crowned with much success, and we are told by the older surviving members that his leaving was the cause of almost universal regret."

In 1857 he became pastor of the Mt. Moriah charge, Washington County, Md., making Sharpsburg his place of residence, at which place the church was handsomely repaired during his pastorate, only to be almost entirely destroyed by the ravages of the late war—one shell having passed through its walls—and after the great battle of the Antietam, it was pressed into service as a hospital for the wounded.

It was during this period of his life that he was called to pass through an experience of disaster, and suffering, and sorrow and poverty, such as falls to the lot of but few. In 1861, while kindling a fire, he struck an eye against the corner of an open door of the stove with such force as to destroy its sight entirely. In August, 1862, two daughters died, the victims of a fatal disease, making vacant their places in the home circle, and bringing desolation to the hearts of those left behind, and in the following year a son was killed by the explosion of a shell found on the Antietam battle-field, and supposed, from the fact of its having long been lying in water, to

be harmless. In addition to these things, Sharpsburg, his place of residence, was directly on the line of march of the contending armies, that came and went like the waves of the flowing and ebbing sea. Compelled more than once to flee from his home, with his wife and little children, while balls and shells were falling thick and fast around them, he returned when the danger was over, only to find "his little family establishment (as an eye-witness testified at the time) a complete wreck." Thus in affliction and persecution, in disaster and poverty, he wrought on as best he could, doing the Master's work, bearing his trials (as the same witness testifies) with unwavering patience.

During the year 1863 he removed from this scene of desolation and suffering to Boonsboro, Md., and served as the pastor of the congregation there, and of the congregation at Funkstown also, at which place (last named) he completed the church building that had been commenced during the incumbency of the Rev. L. A. Brunner. The people of both these congregations speak of him with much tenderness and affection.

In 1867 he received and accepted a call to the Winchester congregation, Va., in whose service he labored, as the present pastor states, "with zeal, and as good success as could be reasonably expected, considering the peculiar circumstances of this charge at that time. The church edifice had to be almost entirely rebuilt and as there was but little money here, the pastor went abroad and succeeded in collecting enough for the purpose. He was greatly respected in this community as a man and a minister of the Gospel." In April, 1873, he became the pastor of this (Burkittsville) charge, which he served faithfully for nearly eleven years, and where, for the first time in his pastoral work, he seemed to enjoy a

comparatively quiet and restful life. The charge being a small one, easy to labor in, with a membership tenderly attached to him, and lovingly providing for his wants, as they were able, he enjoyed the evening of his life here, I think, more than its morning or noontide spent in other places. We may say, speaking geographically, that the circle of his life as a minister had completed itself here, as this, his last parish, is almost within sight of the one in which it began.

The sum total of his work, as far as it can be expressed in figures (and a miserably poor way it is to set forth the results of a minister's life work) is as follows: Baptisms, 970; confirmations, 371; funeral services, 413, and marriages, 1228. And in this connection it may be proper to say that he was honored three times by an election as President of Classis—twice in the Maryland and once in the Virginia Classis; and by an election, also, as Vice-President of the late Synod of the Potomac at Newton, N. C.

The meeting of this Synod furnished a fitting close to his ministerial life. He had long earnestly desired to visit his native State, to move once more among the scenes of his youth, mingle again with those of his own "kith and kin," and stand beside his father's grave—all of which this meeting of Synod gave him the opportunity to do. On the Sunday of this meeting he preached at Smyrna, about twelve miles from Newton, and administered, for the last time in his life, the Holy Communion. On Sunday, October 28th, he preached twice at Hickory, where Mr. Hamilton, a citizen of that place, in a letter to the writer, says, "It was my privilege to hear him preach. His sermon was able and earnest. He referred to the fact that his work for the Master was nearly finished, and that he was speaking

to his audience for the last time on earth. His words were solemn and impressive, and I trust will produce fruit."

On the following Wednesday evening he preached in the Methodist church, near his brother's house, with whom he remained until Friday, and while there visited his father's grave. On Saturday he attended a funeral at St. Paul's church, near Newton, and at Dr. Clapp's desire, preached the sermon. On Sunday morning, Nov. 4th, he preached in the church at Newton, in the afternoon at a church, distant three miles, and at Newton again at night. Of this, his last work, Dr. Clapp says: "The text was, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock,' etc. An unusual solemnity pervaded the audience. The sermon was very earnest and the impression deep, and it will be lasting."

After all this work and labor of love, without rest, he started on his homeward journey on Sunday night, hoping to make such connection at Washington as would enable him to reach home the following night. He arrived at Washington on Monday evening, to make connection, not with any westward bound train, but far more glorious, to go to his Home in the Paradise of the Blessed by the way of suffering and death, the Master had ordained. And thus quickly, without prolonged and wasting sickness, just as he had been, perhaps, more than usually, active and earnest in the service of the Lord, he heard and obeyed the summons—"Come up higher."

Such was the life, in brief, of our departed brother, as it is, with a few modifications, the simple story of the average pastor's life—full of labor, and suffering, and sorrow, and poverty, with none of the rewards and few of the compensations, that come to men in other spheres

of this world's activities. After almost forty years of pastoral work, sacrificing himself for the salvation of others, he leaves to his widow and children only a few books and his household effects. But, far better than money, or houses, or land, he leaves them the name and record of a life, though humble and unobtrusive, fully spent in the service of the Master.

Brother Shuford, as already stated, died very suddenly in the city of Washington, D. C., on his return from the meeting of Synod at Newton, N. C., on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1883, aged 65 years, 9 months, and 13 days. His remains were removed to his late residence in Burkittsville, Md., where appropriate funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 9th. The following brethren were present and participated in the solemnities of the occasion: Rev. Drs. G. L. Staley and E. R. Eschbach, Revs. J. S. Kieffer, L. G. Kremer, S. S. Miller, A. C. Geary, N. H. Skyles, A. J. Heller, T. F. and H. W. Hoffmeier, of the Reformed Church, together with five of his Lutheran brethren. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the brethren, Staley, Skyles, and Kieffer. The officers of the church acted as pall-bearers. A very large number of persons were in attendance.

Subsequently an appropriate memorial service was held in the church at Burkittsville, on Thursday morning, the 13th of December. There were present the Rev. Drs. Santee and Staley, the Revs. T. F. and H. W. Hoffmeier, Skyles, Heller, Hench, and Rinker, of the Reformed, and Revs. Baird and Bowers, of the Lutheran Church. Dr. Santee preached from the words, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain," a sermon eminently appropriate, replete with comfort and consolation; and Dr. Staley read the preceding biographical sketch. The church was filled with his parishioners, neighbors and



friends, among whom there was a considerable number from the charges he formerly served.

Brother Shuford was an earnest and good man, a respectable scholar, and an able and eloquent preacher. As a pastor he was affectionate, faithful and efficient. In his domestic and social relations he was exceptionally happy—having many warm friends and ardent admirers, who will long keep his name in grateful remembrance.



#### REV. JACOB L. SHUFORD.

Rev. Jacob L. Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford. Martin Shuford was born May 24, 1794, and died April 19, 1836; age 42 years.

He is buried in what is now Cleveland County, N. C. His son, Rev. Jacob L. Shuford, was born in Cleveland County, N. C., March 15, 1824. On the 6th day of November, 1849, he married Roxana L. Fullerwiler, of N. C. In 1870, he married the second time, Mrs. Mary Bell, of South Carolina.

He had charge of circuit work as a minister in the Methodist Church for nearly fifty years. He died at Summerton, S. C., March 19, 1892; age 68 years.

He was a man full of prayer, faith, and the Holy Spirit. He was a strong preacher, and his preaching was after owned of God in the conviction of sinners and the salvation of souls. No manlier man ever lived and worked among men. He was as gentle as a woman and

as genial as an evening zephyr.

Rev. J. E. Mabaffey preached his funeral. His text is found in the Book of Genesis, 5th chapter, 24th verse: "And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him."

His life is now given as taken from the *Southern Christian Advocate*:

Rev. Jacob L. Shuford was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1844. His first appointment was as junior preacher on Montgomery circuit, N. C., then in the Cheraw District, with James Stacey, P. E., and Newton Goudelock, P. C. Early in the year, the preacher in charge was attacked with a fatal disease which gradually wore away his strength until he fell into the arms of death. This of course threw extra labors and responsibilities on the young junior preacher; but how well he met them, those of us who know of his lifelong fidelity can well imagine. The following year Bro. Shuford served as junior preacher to Rev. Charles Wilson on the Edisto, Johossee and Fenwick Island Mission. This appointment was made in view of the very flourishing condition of the mission as reported at that session of the Conference, and the necessity of strengthening the hands of the missionary who had wrought so faithfully. On this charge Bro. Shuford and his colleague served eleven plantations with regular preaching, and catechised some 150 children. It was a prosperous year; a net increase of 144 members was reported at its close. The next year he was appointed to Beaufort and Prince William's mission; in 1849 he was in charge of Shelby circuit; 1850, McDowell circuit; 1851, Morganton; 1852, Lenoir; 1853-4, Black River and Pee Dee mission; 1855, Conwayboro circuit; 1856, Concord circuit; 1857-66, Wateree mission; 1867-9, Rocky Mount; 1870-2;

Fairfield; 1873-4, Newberry circuit; 1875-78, Santee; 1879-80, Lewisville; 1881-2, Graham's; 1883-6, St. Matthew's; 1887, Santee; 1888-90, Bishopville.

During the year 1890, while in charge at Bishopville, Bro. Shuford had his first stroke of paralysis, and at the Conference held at Anderson at the close of that year, he was granted a superannuated relation. He removed his family to his home near Summerton, S. C., and for the first time in an active ministry of nearly 50 years, he was left without appointment to learn the lesson of patient submission to the Father's will. A few weeks ago, he had another stroke of paralysis, from which he never rallied, and which proved to be the Master's voice calling him to his reward on high.

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### ABEL SHUFORD.

Abel Shuford is a son of Jacob Shuford who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford who died in 1790.

Abel Shuford was born in Lincoln, now Catawba, County, N. C., Oct. 11, 1796. He died Jan. 4, 1858; age 62 years. He married Nancy Adeline Perkins. She was born in 1798, and died June 4, 1842; age 44 years.

Abel Shuford was a farmer by occupation. He lived and died in Catawba County, N. C. The children of Abel Shuford and wife are: Harriet, Amelia, Susan, Caroline, Martha, William, Pink, and Frances.

Harriet Shuford married Daniel Reinhardt. They moved to Prairie County, Ark. They were the parents of nine children. They have a son by the name of Abel Reinhardt, who has been Sheriff of Prairie County, Ark., several times. After the death of Harriet, Mr. Reinhardt married her sister, Amelia. There are three sons and one daughter living of this marriage. Amelia Shuford Reinhardt is still living. Harriet Shuford Reinhardt died when about 40 years of age.

Susan Shuford married Philip Johnson, of Burke County, N. C. They had seven sons and two daughters. All lived to be grown. Two of the girls and two boys are now living, 1901. They went from North Carolina to Arkansas where they raised their family.

Caroline Shuford married John Loretz. At this time (1901) they have four girls and two boys living. She is still living and is 72 years of age. They moved from North Carolina to Arkansas where they raised their family.

Martha Shuford married Milton Ballew, of Caldwell County, N. C. They moved to Arkansas where they raised their family. Mr. Ballew was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was a brave soldier and was wounded in battle. He is dead. His wife is still living (1901). Her home is at Des Arc, Ark. They have five boys and one girl living.

Frances Shuford married John Robinson, of Jackson County, Ark. They have one son living; three dead.

William Shuford lived and raised a family in Arkansas, where he died. He has two daughters living in Newport, Jackson County, and one son living at the same place. His oldest daughter is Mrs. Robinson; the other, Mrs. Hare, the wife of a Methodist minister.

Pink Shuford is not living. His home was in Arkan-

sas. His widow married Mr. Kimbrow. She has three daughters living. Alma married Mr. John Sherrill, a merchant at Weldon, Jackson County. Dora married Mr. Robert Drummond, of Newport, Ark. Eve, the youngest, is not married.

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### EVE SHUFORD RAMSAUR.

Eve Shuford Ramsaur was a daughter of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford was a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford was a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790. Eve Shuford Ramsaur was born in Lincoln, now Catawba, County, N. C., Jan. 26, 1799. She married Jonas Ramsaur Nov. 20, 1817. Jonas Ramsaur was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1793. The children of Jonas Ramsaur and wife are: John Franklin, Martin, Sidney, Marguerite, Lee, Susan, James, William, Francis, Wallace, and Robert Shuford. Jonas Ramsaur moved from North Carolina to Mississippi before the Civil War. His home was in Marshall County, Miss., where he lived, died, and was buried in Early Grove Cemetery. He died Aug. 20, 1857. After his death, his wife moved to Ashley County, Arkansas, where she died Dec. 25, 1868, and was buried seven miles west of Hamburg, in a graveyard by a Methodist church.

John Franklin Ramsaur was born in 1819, and in 1845 he married Miss Sarah Ramsaur, of Lincoln County, N. C. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church. There

was one child of this marriage by the name of Emma Ramsaur, who married W. P. Shuford. The wife of John Franklin Ramsaur was a daughter of David Ramsaur. David Ramsaur married a Miss Loretz. She was a daughter of Rev. Andrew Loretz, who was the father of the Reformed Church in North Carolina. After the death of his wife in 1847, J. Frank Ramsaur moved from North Carolina to Marshall County, Miss., and afterwards married Miss Catharine Welbon. In 1859 he moved to Ashley County, Ark. The children of J. Frank Ramsaur by his second wife are Clark, Susie, and Willie. Clark Ramsaur married Miss Dora Hawkins, and resides at Hamburg, Ark. Susie Ramsaur married William Lawson, who died in 1893, leaving his wife and five children. Willie Ramsaur lives at Hamburg, Ark., with her parents who are still living.

Marguerite Ramsaur was born Aug. 27, 1826. She married David Clark and died in Mississippi in 1857.

Lee Ramsaur was born Aug. 4, 1828. In 1860 he moved to Woodruff County, Ark. At the beginning of the Civil War he joined the First Arkansas Mounted Rifles of the C. S. A., as a captain of a company. After the battle of Shiloh, he was promoted to Lieut. Colonel. After the war he married a Miss Mollie Beard. There were two children of this union. Lee Ramsaur was a lawyer of prominence and an elder in the Presbyterian church. He was wounded three times in the Civil War and died from the effects of the same in 1881, and was buried in Augusta, Ark.

Susan Ramsaur was born Oct. 4, 1830. She married James Pugh and lived at Hamburg, Ark. She died in 1891. The children of this marriage are: Robert, Minnie, Ella, Green, Thomas, and Willie.

James Ramsaur was born Aug. 5, 1832. He belonged

to the 17th Mississippi regiment. He was wounded nine times in battle, and died in 1867, from the effects of the same, and was buried at Augusta, Ark. His wife was a Miss Sarah Murry, of Ashley County, Ark.

William Ramsaur was born June 28, 1834. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and was a member of the 3rd Arkansas regiment. He fought through the Virginia campaign, and was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. He surrendered under Lee at Appomattox Court House in 1865. After the war he moved to California and married a Miss Walker. He died in 1896 and was buried at Los Angeles, Cal. A writer in a newspaper has furnished the following:

"The following notice of the death of an old Arkansas veteran will be read with interest by many old soldier friends of the deceased throughout this section.

The subject of this sketch was born in North Carolina in 1834. He passed from the land of the dying to the land of life on October 13, 1896, being sixty-two years of age. Mr. Ramsaur was one of the few men of whom it could be said, 'An Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile.'

In early life he moved with his parents to Mississippi and there at the early age of ten years was converted to God and joined the Presbyterian church. From that day until he left us he lived a consistent Christian life—a character formed that was above reproach.

He enlisted in the Confederate army at the beginning of that awful struggle and served the four years. He was in Company A, Third Arkansas Regiment, (Infantry). In the early part of 1862 was with Jackson. He was captured at Harper's Ferry, took part in the battle of Sharpsburg, was wounded at Chickamauga, was in the 'Seven Days' Fight' in front of Richmond and sur-

rendered under Lee at Appomattox.

In 1869 Mr. Ramsaur moved to California, and five years later he was happily married to Miss Florence Walker, who survives him. Their union was blessed with five children, four sons and a daughter, all of whom are now living.

Mr. Ramsaur was a peer among men; simple as a child; firm as a rock. This writer knew him for years and for integrity of purpose and adherence to principle he had no superior. All men loved him—the old and young delighted in his company. The widow found in him a wise and friendly counsellor, the orphan rose and called him blessed. Many a child was happier because he lived; many a care and sorrow has been made lighter because of his life.

The world is poorer since he left it: and hundreds of hearts feel that they have lost a true friend. His call came suddenly, without a moment's warning, but we know where to find him, since his life was one continual growth toward God—he stands in the presence of the King and is satisfied.

'Servant of God, well done!' 'I can not say, I will not say, that he is dead. He's just away.'

His old comrades—members of the 'Confederate Veterans' Association'—bore his remains to beautiful 'Rosa Dale' in Los Angeles, California. There we left all that is mortal of him to rest where the palms and cedars together weave a requiem and sing soft and low of God and the resurrection morn. We shall meet him again in the morning land."

Francis Ramsaur was born Sept. 30, 1836. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army and was a member of the 3rd Arkansas Regiment. He was reported missing at the battle of Sharpsburg, and it is supposed that he



was killed in that battle.

Wallace Ramsaur died at the age of three years, and was buried at the Shuford graveyard, Bunker Hill, N. C.

Robert Shuford Ramsaur was born Aug. 3, 1843. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He became a member of the 9th Arkansas Regiment in 1862. He was wounded at the battle of Corinth. He moved to California in 1869, and married a Miss Walker, and now resides at Los Angeles, Cal.

Martin Ramsaur died at the age of five years, and was buried at the Ramsaur graveyard, Lincoln County, N. C.

Sidney Shuford Ramsaur was born in 1823, and died in California. He died from cholera contracted on a ship.



#### MARY ANN FANNIE SHUFORD CANSLER.

Mary Ann Fannie Shuford is a daughter of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

Fannie Shuford was born Feb. 15, 1801, and died March 6, 1866.

Henry Cansler was born April 29, 1800, and died Feb. 20, 1875. He was for a number of years Sheriff of Lincoln County, N. C. His children are:

Adolphus P. Cansler was born April 29, 1823, and died Jan. 7, 1873. He was married to Adelaide M.

Conley, of Caldwell County, N. C., Jan. 21, 1845, who died June 8, 1852. He was married to Nancy M. Bobo, of South Carolina, June 26, 1855. He moved to Mississippi and died there. His second wife died in the fall of 1900.

Alex Jacob Cansler was born May 26, 1825. He married Mary Ann Martin, of Wilkes County, N. C., Sept. 7, 1847. Both are dead.

He was a minister in the Baptist church, and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina, in 1847. He was a man of considerable gifts and energy. He began to preach in N. C., soon after he graduated, and preached in N. C. until 1867. The most of his labor in church work was confined to Gaston and Lincoln counties. The churches which he served in these counties are known as Lebanon, Salem, Long Creek, Bruington, and Sandy Plains. He moved to Arkansas in 1867. He died in Texas in 1872. September 7, 1847 he married Mary Ann Martin, of Wilkes County, N. C. The Martin family was prominent. They owned large farms along the Yadkin river. The aunt of the wife of Rev. A. J. Cansler married a grandson of the famous Colonel Cleveland, a commander in the battle of King's Mountain, in the War of the Revolution.

William H. Cansler was born July 26, 1827, and was married to Mary Jane Marrow, of Boonsboro, Missouri, Feb. 20, 1855. Both are dead.

Abel T. Cansler was born Oct. 22, 1829, and married to Nancy McNeely, of Iredell County, N. C., Aug. 17, 1853; moved to Texas and died there Feb. 5, 1879. Both are dead.

George W. Cansler was born Oct. 29, 1831, and died Nov. 9, 1896. He was married to Jane E. Long, of Catawba, N. C., Sept. 17, 1856. She lives at Catawba

Station, N. C. He is buried at Catawba, N. C.

John P. Cansler was born Feb. 4, 1834, and married to Kate M. Murphy, of McDowell County, N. C., Oct. 24, 1854. Both are dead.

Barbara S. A. Cansler was born July 13, 1836, and died May 6, 1896. She was married to H. Fite, of Gaston, N. C., Feb. 1861. Both died at Fairview, Buncombe County.

Fannie J. Cansler was born Nov. 30, 1838, and married to Dr. L. N. Durham, of Cleveland County, May 30, 1859. Their home is in Asheville, N. C.

Daniel M. H. Cansler was born Oct. 4, 1841 and died Feb. 18, 1853.

Thomas J. Cansler was born Aug. 13, 1843, and died Feb. 7, 1863 at Chimborazo Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Adelaide E. Cansler was born Sept. 19, 1845, and was married to William Cebb, of Lincolnton, N. C., Sept. 15, 1874. Address, Whiteside, Jackson County, N. C.



#### ELI SHUFORD.

Eli Shuford is a son of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

Eli Shuford was born in Lincoln, now Catawba, County, N. C., April 4, 1803. He married Eveline Collins, of Burke County, N. C. The children are: Monroe,

Lena, Dudley, Poindexter, Harrison, Pink, Middlecof, and Caroline.

Eli Shuford married and settled upon a part of the farm on which his father lived. This farm is in Catawba County, N. C. Adolphus Hoover now owns and lives in the house that Eli Shuford built.

Catawba College was built at Newton, N. C., about 1850. Eli Shuford moved to Newton, N. C., for the purpose of keeping a hotel and sending his children to school.

About 1855 or 1856, Eli Shuford went west. After moving a few times in the West, he finally made his home at Quitman, Wood County, Texas, in 1867.

Eveline Collins Shuford died at Quitman, Texas, in 1867, and is buried at that place.

Monroe Shuford died at Little Rock, Ark., 1862. My recollection is that he was a soldier in the Confederate Army.

Eli Shuford lived in his last days at Mineola, Texas, where he died and is buried. His death took place about 1874.

Dudley Shuford died at Quitman, Texas, in 1866, and is buried at that place.

Eli Shuford was a Justice of the Peace in Texas many years.

Pink Shuford left Wood County, and moved farther west. The writer can not give his home at this time.

Lena Shuford married Dr. Gunter. He practiced medicine in Lincoln, now Catawba, County, N. C. About 1855 to 1856 he went west, and lived many years in Wood County, Texas. Some of his children are buried at Quitman, Texas. When last heard from the Gunter family was living at Waxahatchie, Ellis County, Texas.

Harrison Shuford died at Quitman, Texas, about 1857, and is buried at that place.

Caroline Shuford married Mr. D. C. Williams. After his death, she moved away from Mineola, Texas. The place of her residence is not known to the writer.

Middlecof Shuford was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was captured as a prisoner of war in Louisiana, and has not been heard from since.

Poindexter Shuford is a son of Eli Shuford. He was born in Lincoln, now Catawba, County, N. C. The early teacher of Deck Shuford was Prof. Smith, who was, at the time, president of Catawba College. Professor Smith is the father of Hon. Hoke Smith, who was a member of the Cabinet of President Cleveland. Hon. Hoke Smith was born at Newton, N. C.

After completing his college course, Deck Shuford went to Mississippi and taught school. This was about 1855 and 1856. He also taught school at Alexandria, Ala.

In 1859 his home was at Quitman, Texas, where he was engaged in teaching school. In 1860 he was the editor of a newspaper at Quitman, Texas. About this time he began to practice law at the same place.

In 1861 Deck Shuford was sent as a delegate to a state convention at Austin, Texas. At this convention, the question came before the convention whether the State of Texas should remain in the union or secede. There were seven in the convention, who voted for the state of Texas to remain in the union, and Deck Shuford was one of the seven.

After the war between the states, Deck Shuford was appointed District Attorney by Gov. A. J. Hamilton. He held his office some time. He was a man of superior literary attainments, and a well graded lawyer. Deck

Shuford was among the ablest men that his party had in the state of Texas at that time. There was no lawyer at the time that was his equal in his party in the locality of his home. He was a peer in the ranks of his party.

"Deck Shuford studied hard and became one of the first lawyers at the bar in Texas." "I will say that Deck Shuford was a high toned gentleman and a lawyer second to none."—*W. A. Grogan, ex-County Judge, Golden, Texas.*

After his death, his obituary was written by D. W. Crow, Attorney-at-law, at Mineola, Texas. His obituary was published in many of the papers in the state of Tex-

Deck Shuford married a young lady of Austin, Texas. She died and is buried at Quitman, Texas. Deck Shuford died in 1874 or 1875, and is buried at Quitman, Texas. When he died he was in the prime of life, and had a bright future before him. He was a man of fine social qualities and had many warm friends in his party and out of his party. His father in his day belonged to the Henry Clay Whig party.

"Deck" Shuford, as he was familiarly called by his brethren of the bar, was unquestionably a man of more than ordinary talents and ability.

In the days of reconstruction, he was District Attorney for his judicial district, being a strong adherent of the administration. He made a highly creditable record as a conscientious, vigorous, and successful prosecuting officer.

His contemporaries say that his literary attainments were commensurate with his acquirements in the lore of Blackstone and Coke. They speak of him as a "brilliant man,"—"a man of fine analytic mind."

He was the acknowledged leader of the then dominant party, in his section, and one of its ablest and boldest

advocates in the entire state of Texas; and it is the universal opinion of those best qualified to judge, that, if he had lived, he would have risen high in federal favor.

For most of the facts set out in this sketch, the author is indebted to Mr. J. L. Ray and D. W. Crow, Esq., of Mineola, Texas; Judge W. A. Grogan, of Golden, Texas; and Hon. J. S. Hogg, of Austin, formerly governor of the state.

In a personal letter to the writer, Gov. Hogg says of the subject of this sketch: "He was a *fine lawyer*, a gentle kind-hearted man. The people, regardless of political persuasion, had respect for him as a lawyer and an honest man."

This is most flattering and gratifying, coming from so distinguished a southern democrat, as a tribute to the character and ability of a reconstruction office-holder; and the only logical conclusion is that the death of A. P. Shuford was the premature termination of a brilliant and honorable career.



#### JACOB H. SHUFORD.

Jacob H. Shuford is a son of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844, and a grand son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780, and a great grand son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

Jacob H. Shuford was born Feb. 23, 1805. He married Catherine Baker Oct. 16, 1828. He and his wife were born in Lincoln County, now Catawba County, N. C.

He was a farmer and lived and died in Catawba Co., N. C. His home was six miles west of Newton, N. C., between the forks of the river. Catherine Shuford, the wife of Jacob Shuford, was born June 15, 1810.

#### THEIR CHILDREN.

Margaret A. Shuford was born June 2, 1830.  
Adolphus L. Shuford was born February 27, 1832.  
Elizabeth H. Shuford was born October 1, 1834.  
Sidney J. Shuford was born May 1, 1837.  
William H. Shuford was born October 16, 1839.  
Abel A. Shuford was born November 13, 1841.  
Wallace P. Shuford was born November 7, 1844.  
John M. Shuford was born March 9, 1847.  
Julius H. Shuford was born December 19, 1849.  
Alice A. C. Shuford was born July 29, 1852.  
Laura C. Shuford was born Feb. 9, 1856.

#### DEATHS.

Sidney J. Shuford died December 15, 1842.  
William H. Shuford was killed in the battle of the Wilderness on the 5th day of May, 1864.  
Jacob H. Shuford died Oct. 31, 1874.  
Catherine Shuford died September 1, 1877.

#### MARRIAGES.

Margaret Amanda Shuford and Samuel Blackburn were married October 17, 1852.  
Elizabeth H. Shuford and John W. Robinson were married October 5, 1854.  
Adolphus L. Shuford and Mary A. Lindsay were married August 5, 1862.  
Wallace Pinkney Shuford and Emma E. Ramsaur were married October 28, 1866, by Rev. J. Iugold, D. D.  
John M. Shuford and Alice Wilson were married Jan-



uary 13, 1870, by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Abel A. Shuford and Alda V. Campbell were married December 18, 1873, by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Alice A. Shuford and Q. A. Wilfong were married December 15, 1870, by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Laura C. Shuford and Eli Ramsaur were married August 25, 1875 by Rev. J. H. Shuford. This marriage took place at the old Jacob H. Shuford homestead.

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Catherine Baker Shuford is a daughter of John Baker, who lived in Lincoln, now Catawba, County, N. C. He was born in 1775, and was a farmer by occupation.

The beautiful farm upon which Jacob H. Shuford lived is found near the place where the rivers of Jacob's and Henry's Fork unite and form the South Fork. This is the farm upon which the author of this book spent his boyhood days.

Jacob H. Shuford and Catherine Baker Shuford were the parents of the author of this book. The old farm was the scene of many happy days.

Jacob H. Shuford and wife were members of the Reformed Church of the United States. They became members of the Reformed Church under the ministry of Rev. John Fritchey, who was a Reformed minister from Pennsylvania. He preached in North Carolina from 1828 to 1840.

They assisted in organizing and building Bethel Reformed Church in Catawba County, N. C. They held their membership in that church and are buried there.

Their home was the home of the Reformed minister when he came into the community to preach. The stranger always found this home open to him for the night, when he was passing through the locality of this home. They were given to hospitality. They were

kind to the poor.

The funeral of Jacob H. Shuford was preached by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., President of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

The funeral of Catherine Baker Shuford was preached by Rev. John Foil, Professor of Mathematics in Catawba College, Newton, N. C.



#### MRS. CATHERINE SHUFORD.

Departed this life Sept. 1st at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Quince Wilfong. She was in her 67th year—had suffered long from a severe stroke of paralysis received over a year ago.

This stroke was very soon after the sudden and painful death of her husband, and though this was almost more than could be borne, yet she patiently endured it all with that Christian resignation so characteristic of her long, quiet, and useful life. She was a kind and affectionate wife and mother; a member of the church and a useful Christian. She was ever ready to offer a kind rebuke to those around her, who from any cause should provoke censure.

Few mothers have greater cause for satisfaction in their children than she. One, a noble young man, fell in his country's battle.

Her four daughters, all Christian women, are happily married to good Christian husbands. Her five surviving sons are successful in their several avocations and use-

ful and honored in their communities. How gratifying to her in her old age to see all her children faithful members of the church of their ancestors, and prosperous and useful members of society. Especially gratifying must it have been to her that she left one, Benjamin of the family, on the walls of Zion proclaiming the everlasting gospel of her own dear Savior.

Her mortal remains sleep sweetly beside those of her beloved husband in the new grave-yard at Bethel church. They were not long divided by death. Their spirits are now re-united in the rest that remains for the people of God.

Her funeral was attended by a very large concourse of relatives and friends. Farewell, dear, gentle mother—Christian friend—the memory shall ever be sweet, and will cheer us along our weary pilgrimage.

J. C. CLAPP.

#### THE BAKER FAMILY.

John Baker was born 1775.

His wife, Catherine, was born 1782.

His son, David, was born 1798.

His daughter, Elizabeth, wife of John Warlick, was born 1801.

His daughter, Sarah, wife of Philip Warlick, was born 1804.

His son, John, was born 1807.

His daughter, Catherine, wife of Jacob H. Shuford,

was born 1810.

His daughter, Polly, first wife of George P. Shuford, was born 1813.

His son, Solomon, was born 1815.

His daughter, Eliza, second wife of George P. Shuford, was born 1820.

His daughter, Hannah, died young, was born 1823.



#### SAMUEL BLACKBURN.

Samuel Blackburn married Margaret Amanda Shuford, a daughter of Jacob H. Shuford, who died in 1874. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. John Crawford, a minister in the Reformed church in N. C., and a minister in the Shuford family in the counties of Lincoln and Catawba, N. C., from 1840 to 1856. Samuel Blackburn lived in Catawba County, N. C., and was a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the Reformed church at Grace, and held the office of elder in that church. He died in July 22, 1895, and is buried at Grace church. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Margaret Amanda Shuford Blackburn, the wife of Samuel Blackburn, was a member of the Reformed church at Grace. She died in 1898 and is buried at Grace Reformed church.

The children of Samuel Blackburn and wife are: Emma, Julius, Willie, Eddie, Alice, Luella, Carrie, Samuel, and James.

Emma married James Wilfong, of Catawba County, N. C. They were married by Rev. J. H. Shuford in the fall of 1879. Mr. Wilfong is a farmer by occupation. He is a member of the Reformed church at Beth-el, and holds the office of elder in that church. He held the office of county commissioner.

Julius Blackburn is not married. He lives in Catawba County, N. C.

Willie Blackburn married Miss Mattie Erwin, of Burke County, N. C. He lives in Catawba County, and is a farmer by occupation.

Eddie Blackburn married Miss Susan Boyd, of Maiden, N. C., and lives in Catawba County, N. C., and is a farmer by occupation.

Alice Blackburn married Mr. George F. Herman, of Catawba County, N. C. Mr. Herman spent his early married life upon his farm in Catawba County, N. C. He now lives at Hickory, N. C., where he is educating his children. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and his wife a member of the Reformed church at Hickory, N. C.

Luella Blackburn married Mr. Charles Fry, of Maiden, N. C. After the death of Mr. Fry, she married Mr. Osborne Whisnant, of Catawba County. Mr. Whisnant is engaged in farming and other business.

Carrie Blackburn married Mr. Eugene Boyd, of Maiden, N. C. He lives at Bridgewater and is engaged in lumbering.

Samuel Blackburn married Miss Annie Tate, of Bridgewater, N. C., and is engaged in lumbering.

James Blackburn married Miss Helen Tate, of Burke County, N. C. He lives at Bridgewater, N. C., and is engaged in lumbering.

**Samuel Blackburn Dead.**

Samuel Blackburn, an aged and highly respected member of Grace church, Hickory charge, died at his home on the South Fork river on the 22nd of July. For some years he had been in feeble health, but recently had improved greatly and entertained hopes of regaining his strength. But he grew worse and the end came quickly. He was about 85 years old.

Mr. Blackburn had married twice, his second wife being Amanda, daughter of Jacob Shuford, deceased. He leaves a wife and eleven children.

In the absence of the pastor, the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Clapp.

He was one of the oldest citizens of his community, an industrious man, and for many years an office-bearer in the house of God. He reaps the reward of a well spent life. To the wife and children we extend our deepest sympathy. May the Lord strengthen and keep them,—*The Reformed Church Corinthian.*

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**A Noble Woman Gone.**

Margaret Amanda Shuford Blackburn was born June 2, 1830, died Jan. 5, 1898, aged 67 years, 7 months, and 3 days. She was married to Samuel Blackburn on Oct. 17, 1852. To them were born nine children, all of whom are living. Mrs. Blackburn was the oldest daughter of the late Jacob Shuford and a sister of Messrs. A. A. and J. M. Shuford, of Hickory, N. C., and Rev. J. H. Shuford, of Middlebrook, Va., and of W. P. Shuford, of Arkansas. She has two sisters living, Mrs. Q. A. Wilfong, of Louise, N. C., and Mrs. E. D. Ramsaur, of Lincolnton, N. C.

Early in life Mrs. Blackburn professed faith in Christ

and was confirmed a member of the Reformed church. She lived a consistent member of the same until death. She was a quiet woman and demonstrated the humility of the Christian life. Her faith never wavered, and the day before her death expressed to her loving daughter the source of her hope, faith in Jesus. Her funeral was held from Grace church on Jan. 9th, and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Murphy. To the children and friends, our sympathy is given.

May the Lord deal gently with them, and may his grace sustain them.—*Corinthian*.



#### A. L. SHUFORD.

A. L. Shuford is a son of Jacob H. Shuford, who died in 1874. Jacob H. Shuford is a son of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

A. L. Shuford was born in Catawba County, N. C., Feb. 27, 1832. His father was a farmer. The early life of A. L. Shuford was spent upon his father's farm.

When a young man he learned the trade of a carpenter. He assisted in building the Western N. C. Railroad through Catawba County. He was depot agent at Hickory, N. C., during the Civil War, and had charge of the Commissary Department of the Confederate Government at that place.

Adolphus L. Shuford and Adelaide Lindsay were

married Aug. 5, 1862. The children are: Edward L. Shuford, William H. Shuford, Ella D. Shuford, Eugene Shuford, Florence Shuford, Mary Adelaide Shuford, Walter Shuford, Nora Shuford, Wade Hampton Shuford, Clara Shuford, and Adrian Shuford.

After the close of the war, he was engaged in merchandising at Hickory, N. C., for a number of years. He sold his interest in his store and then owned and controlled a flour mill at Hickory, N. C. He finally settled upon a farm at Hickory, N. C., and remained there until his death.

A. L. Shuford was very active in commencing and finishing the building of Claremont College at Hickory, N. C. He was very active in the work upon the first Reformed church that was built at Hickory, N. C.

He was one of the first settlers at Hickory, N. C., and had much to do in laying the foundation for the future growth of the town. He was a man who had many warm friends. He was always ready to do his duty to his church and and state. He was a member of the Reformed church.

His wife was a member of the Reformed church. She was a good woman. His children are members of the Reformed church.

The children living at this time, 1901, are Edward L., Ella D., Florence, Walter, Nora, Wade H., and Adrian. The others died when young.

A. L. Shuford died at his home at Hickory, N. C., Aug. 21, 1885. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. Ingold, who was a minister of the Reformed church at Hickory at that time.

Adelaide Lindsay Shuford was born Dec. 19, 1842, and died Feb. 6, 1900.



Adolphus L. Shuford was born Feb. 1832, died Aug, 1885.

Mr. Shuford was one of the earliest settlers of Hickory, and did much towards promoting the growth of the town. For some years, he conducted a mercantile business. Later he disposed of this, and bought a beautiful farm known as Maple Grove Stock Farm. He bought a number of fine Jersey cows, and was engaged in starting a dairy when death came to him.

Mr. Shuford leaves a widow and large family of children, some of them of very tender years. He will be greatly missed in the community. He was a man of sterling character, and ever ready to do good.

Mr. Shuford was the founder of Claremont College, a building of which we should be justly proud.

He was sick only a short while, when he died suddenly of heart disease. His funeral was preached by Rev. Jeremiah Ingold assisted by Dr. Clapp, a former pastor and a devoted friend.

“An honest man is the noblest work of God.”

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Again has death entered Corinth congregation and claimed one of the most devoted and consecrated members. Mrs. Mary Adelaide Shuford was born Dec. 19, 1842, and died Feb. 6, 1900. She was born in High Point, N. C., and was the daughter of the late R. D. Lindsay, M. D., of that place. In 1862 she was married to A. L. Shuford of Hickory, N. C. To them were born twelve children. Five of these died in infancy. Her husband preceded her to the glory land fifteen years. For many months Mrs. Shuford's health had been failing. The best medical skill and the most careful nursing were given her, but to no avail. The disease was stubborn and would not be arrested. Hers

was a most lovely character. Refined and cultured, and with a sweet spirit she was greatly beloved. Early in life she professed faith in Christ, and in the latter years she dwelt in the secret of his presence. Her death was a glorious triumph of the gospel. Without fear or doubt she waited for the summons, completely resigned to the Master's will, and early in the morning of February the 6th, surrounded by her children whom she loved so well, her sweet spirit took its flight, and sister Shuford is now at rest. We held her funeral from the Reformed church on February the 7th, and the building was filled with weeping, sympathizing friends. Passages of Scripture marked and precious to her were read by the writer, and a suitable tribute was paid her memory by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., a former pastor and a close friend.

As the choir sweetly sang "Abide with me," the audience felt the abiding presence of our dear Lord. Tenderly, gently, we laid her to rest in Oakwood. The children and friends are commended to the care of a loving Father.

J. L. M.

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Edward Lindsay Shuford, the oldest son of Adolphus and Adelaide Shuford, was born in Hickory, N. C., Aug. 8, 1863. His education was secured in the High School of his native town and at Catawba College. Leaving college, he entered the business world, conducting successfully, for some years, large wholesale and retail stores. Disposing of his mercantile business, he turned his attention to manufacturing, and was instrumental in establishing the village of Brookford and the large cotton mills at that place. He holds the position of President of the E. L. Shuford Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Shuford has been married twice. His first wife was Adelaide Forney. Lucile is the only child by the first marriage.

In 1894 he was married to Magnolia McKay Shuford, of Georgia. Their children are: Edward Lindsay, born May 21, 1895; Hilton McKay, born Aug. 25, 1896; Katherine Elwyn Campbell, born, March 19, 1898; Adolphus Donald, born Jan 1, 1900.

Mr. Shuford is mindful of the welfare of those whom he employs. To this end he has been interested in providing church and school facilities for them. A suitable school building has been erected, and a commodious church building established, so that ample educational advantages and religious opportunities are afforded. Mr. Shuford is a man of great energy.

Ella D., the oldest daughter of A. L. and Adelaide Shuford, married Thomas M. Johnston, of Richmond, Va. The marriage took place in Hickory, N. C., on Dec. 26, 1892, and was performed by Rev. J. L. Murphy. Mr. Johnston is a prominent railroad man, while his wife is a woman of excellent traits of character. At this time they reside in Salisbury, N. C., and have one child, Adelaide Macon.

Florence, the second daughter of A. L. and Adelaide Shuford is also married and living in S. C. She married W. X. Reid, also a railroad man. Mr. Reid belongs to a prominent family of North Carolinians residing at Kitterell, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Reid were married on Dec. 20, 1893, by Rev. J. L. Murphy. The only child is a daughter and named Gladys. Mrs. Reid possesses many womanly qualities which attracts to her many friends.

Walter J. Shuford is a son of A. L. and Adelaide Shuford, and by energy and perseverance has won his

way to the front of the young men of his town as a business man. He lives at Hickory, N. C., is unmarried and holds the position of manager of the Hickory Milling Company, a firm controlling one of the largest flour mills in North Carolina.

Miss Nora, the youngest daughter of A. L. and Adelaide Shuford, was educated at Claremont College, Hickory, N. C., and at Kee Mar, Hagerstown, Md., graduating from the latter institution. Since the death of her parents, she makes her home with her sisters and brothers. Like the rest of her family she is a member of the Reformed church.

Wade Hampton Shuford lives at Hickory, North Carolina, and is connected with the E. L. Shuford Cotton Mill Manufacturing Company. He is a young man of good business qualifications, and is fast rising in the business world.

Adrian, the youngest child of the family, was small when his father died and had to enter the world without a father's advice or a father's care. He has succeeded quite well and now holds a position with the First National Bank of Hickory. Few boys have done as well as Adrian.

All of A. L. Shuford's family are members of the Reformed church.



#### JOHN W. ROBINSON'S FAMILY.

John Wilfong Robinson is a great grandson of James Robinson, and a grandson of Jesse Robinson and a son

of Henry Whitener Robinson. He is also a grandson of John Wilfong, his mother being the daughter of John Wilfong. His grandfather, Jesse Robinson, married as his first wife the daughter of Henry Weidner, the first white settler in the South Fork valley.

Jesse Robinson's last wife was a daughter of John Mull, and a first cousin to his first wife. Her name was Mary Ann Mull. To them was born one son, Henry W. Robinson. Henry W. Robinson married Mary M. Wilfong.

John W. Robinson was born April 6, 1832. Elizabeth H. Shuford, daughter of Jacob H. Shuford, was born October 1, 1839, and was married to John W. Robinson October 5, 1854.

Elizabeth H. Robinson died June 20, 1896, and is buried in the Robinson graveyard.

The following are the children of John W. Robinson and Elizabeth H. Robinson:

Raymond Whitener Robinson was born Oct. 15, 1856.

Abel Shuford Robinson was born April 17, 1861.

Laura Alice Robinson was born Feb. 14, 1864.

Mary Katherine Robinson was born Jan. 7, 1867.

Martha Etta Robinson was born July 27, 1869,

Anna Lizzie Robinson was born Jan. 19, 1872.

Jacob Henry Robinson was born Dec. 8, 1874.

John Wilfong Robinson was born July 10, 1878.

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John W. Robinson was married the second time to Martha Abernethy, daughter of Miles S. Abernethy, who married Mahalah Lowrance, daughter of Isaac Lowrance.

John W. Robinson and Martha Abernethy were married May 21, 1898. Mrs. Martha Robinson was born April 26, 1851. There are no children by the last mar-

riage.

John Robinson is a farmer. He has a farm of about 1000 acres which is regarded as one of the finest farms in Catawba County. It is part of the farm of Henry Weidner, who was the first white settler in the South Fork valley; he having come to this part of the county about 1750.

John W. Robinson is a member of the Reformed church, and has held the office of elder for many years. His first wife, Elizabeth H. Shuford Robinson, was also a member of the Reformed church. The children of John W. Robinson are also members of that church.

Raymond married Katie Coulter. He is a farmer. Laura married Otis Lowe, who died some years ago. Laura lives at Hickory, N. C. Mary married W. A. Self, a lawyer, and lives at Hickory. Martha married J. H. Aiken, and lives at Hickory also. Anna married George W. Cline, a conductor on the Southern Railroad.

Abel Robinson married Miss Sarah Cline, of Catawba County. After marriage she lived about six months. He lives on a part of the old homestead.

Henry Robinson is unmarried, and is in the West.

John W. Robinson attended school at Lenoir College, and married Maude E. Yoder, the second daughter of Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, D. D., late President of Concordia and Lenoir Lutheran Colleges. They live at the old home, a historic spot, where Heinrich Weidner settled, built his fortified home, defended himself against the Indians, and raised his family.

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Our town and community were greatly shocked last Sunday morning when the information was received that Mrs. Robinson, wife of J. W. Robinson, had died suddenly at her home on the South Fork, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Robinson had been enjoying her usual health, until Saturday when she complained of feeling bad and suffering with pains in her side. She lay down to rest, but soon got up feeling better, and came and sat down on the porch with the family. In the midst of the conversation, her head fell to one side. The children spoke to her, but no answer. The spirit of the true and devoted mother had taken its flight.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shuford Robinson was the daughter of Jacob Shuford, and a sister of our townsmen, A. A. and J. M. Shuford, and also aunt to Mrs. E. L. Shuford, and the mother of Mrs. W. A. Self and Mrs. J. H. Aiken, of our town. She was born Oct. 1, 1834, and died June 20, 1896, aged 61 years, 7 months, and 19 days. She was happily married to J. W. Robinson. To them were born eight children, four boys and four girls. These were permitted to be present at the burial service with the exception of Henry, who is in Augusta, Ga. Mrs. Robinson was a member of Bethel Reformed church, and an humble sincere Christian woman. Kind and considerate to every one. She was especially kind to the poor. After the burial the writer found one of the tenants behind the garden wiping the tears from his sun-burnt face with his rough hands saying: "The poor have lost their best friend." A true and faithful wife a devoted and kind mother, a consecrated Christian, has gone.

The burial took place on Monday at 10 o'clock at the Robinson grave-yard. At the house a simple service was held conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Murphy. After the reading of the Scripture and prayer, Mrs. Murphy sweetly sang "Gathering Home." Every face was bathed in tears. The large audience then moved to the grave on the hill, when "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," the mortal remains of Mrs. Robin-

son were laid away to await the resurrection morning. To the grief stricken husband and sorrowing children, we extend our deepest sympathies. May the Lord deal gently with them, and bind up the broken hearts.

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Mrs. Anna Lizzie Cline, wife of Mr. George Cline, a Southern Railway conductor, died at her home in Asheville Sunday morning, Nov. 17th, from typhoid fever, after an illness of more than a month. The remains were brought down to Hickory Sunday evening accompanied by the heart broken husband, Mrs. E. B. Cline, and Conductor George Hanger.

Mrs. Cline was a daughter of Mr. John W. Robinson, of this city. She was 29 years, 9 months, and 27 days old, and had been married about two years. She was a consistent member of the German Reformed church, and a model Christian lady, much admired and loved by all who knew her.

The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. E. B. Cline, Monday evening at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., of Newton, conducting the service. A large number of relatives and friends were present. The interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Cline leaves a devoted husband, an aged father, three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Aiken, Mrs. Laura Lowe, and Mrs. W. A. Self; and four brothers, Messrs. Raymond, Abel S., Henry and John W. Robinson, Jr., all of whom live in or near Hickory, except Mr. Henry Robinson, who is now in Idaho.

To all the bereaved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.



W. A. Self, Esq., was born Sept. 16, 1866. He married Mary C. Robinson on Nov. 11, 1887.

Mr. Self was educated at the University of North Carolina. He graduated in June 1886.

While in school at the University, he received many distinct honors, among which was the Orators' Medal, a prize which is considered one of the highest that can be won at the University of North Carolina.

After finishing his work at the University, Mr. Self began the study of law under Col. George Nathaniel Folk, and was licensed to practice law in Feb. 1889.

As a lawyer Mr. Self stands in the front rank of the members of this profession. He is regarded as one of the leading members of the bar in the State of North Carolina, well informed in the law, strong, powerful, and eloquent as an advocate, and a lawyer, who is loved by his brethren and held in high esteem by all who know him.

As a public speaker, Mr. Self ranks with the greatest. He is prominent in the affairs of state, and as a campaigner has won for himself the reputation of being fair in his arguments, broad-minded, and respectful of the opinions of those who do not agree with him politically or otherwise.



#### WILLIAM HARRISON SHUFORD

Killed in the battle of the Wilderness on the 5th of May 1864.

William Harrison Shuford was killed in the 26th year of his age. The deceased was the second son of Jacob and Catherine Shuford, and their fourth son in the army. He volunteered under Capt. A. T. Bost, 46th regiment, N. C. T. He fought his way safely through five important battles. In the sixth he fell a martyr to the cause of liberty and independence. He fell at his post endeavoring to discharge his duty as a soldier, which he had ever done from the time he first entered the field. He was not disposed to murmur and complain of the various hardships and deprivation incident to a soldier's life. He knew these would come, and he knew that they must be met; therefore, did he bear cheerfully the burdens which as a patriotic soldier he could not avoid.

He was not of those whose patriotism consists in word; he was never heard to boast of his patriotism, but when it became necessary, he hesitated not to seal it with his blood. And now, that he has done for his country all that he can ever do, it is right and proper that some one of his countrymen record at least, a brief tribute of respect, and give, in behalf of his country, a public expression of gratitude, due for all the services so faithfully rendered, and from which death has given him a final discharge. But when we remember Harrison as a patriot and soldier, we have not satisfied the claims of affection and sympathy. In his death a sore breach has been made in the family circle; fond parents lost an affectionate son; the neighborhood a citizen, fitted by education for usefulness (in life) and the church, an exemplary member. Much of his time before the war was spent in school. He was a close student, and what he undertook was thoroughly accomplished.

So, too, in regard to religion; he joined the Methodist

church before he entered the army; but not satisfied with his hope, he continued to seek until he found peace to his soul. Most gladly, therefore, do we record the fact, for the special comfort to his bereaved and smitten parents and his numerous relatives and friends, that he died in the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection unto everlasting life.

J. INGOLD.



#### ABEL A. SHUFORD.

Lieutenant Abel A. Shuford, of Hickory, one of the most prominent bankers and manufacturers of Western North Carolina, was born in Catawba County, in 1841, son of Jacob H. Shuford, a farmer, and a native of the same county. After receiving his education in the old field schools, he made his debut in business life as a clerk in Hickory, an occupation which was interrupted, in 1861, by the call for troops for defense of the state. At the age of 20 years, he enlisted as a private in Company F Twenty-third Regiment, North Carolina troops, under command of Col. J. F. Hoke, and was soon promoted to corporal and then to second sergeant. With his regiment he was in camp near Manassas, Va., until the spring of 1862, and was then ordered to the Peninsula, where in his first battle, Williamsburg, he carried the colors of his regiment. He fought at Seven Pines, and in the Seven Days' campaign, up to the battle of Cold Harbor, where he was severely wounded. After a

season in hospital and at his home, he was again with his comrades at Martinsburg, after their return from Maryland, and engaged in the battles of Fredricksburg, Berryville, and Winchester. He was then elected second lieutenant of his company, but the battle of Gettysburg, which followed, was his last. Slightly wounded in the first day's fight, he was captured by the enemy and sent as a prisoner of war to Fort Delaware, and three months later to Point Lookout, where he was held for eighteen months. Then, being exchanged, he was given a furlough, during which the war came to an end.

After farming for a time, he made his home at Hickory and embarked in mercantile business with a small capital. In the years which have followed, he has met with much success as a merchant, and is still interested in that business, but as a capitalist and manufacturer he is most widely known.

In 1891 he became the president of the Citizens' Bank, a year later merged in the First National Bank, of which he is now the head; also is president of a bank in Newton, and director of the Burke County Bank at Morganton. He is president of the Hickory Manufacturing Company and of the Electric Light Company, and since 1892 has been general manager of the Granite Falls Cotton Mill, which runs 3,000 spindles.

In educational work he has a responsible part as a trustee, both of Catawba College and Claremont College.

Officially he has rendered efficient service to his fellow citizens, as chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee for the past fifteen years, as county commissioner and city alderman, and as a member of the state legislature in 1884 and 1885.

He was married, in 1873, to Alda V., daughter of Dr. O. Campbell, and niece of Col. Reuben Campbell, of





A. A. SHUFORD,  
For 33 years a Deacon in the  
Reformed Church.

Statesville, N. C.

A. A. Shuford was baptized by Rev. Mr. Crawford, and his wife was baptized by Rev. Mr. Rumble, a Presbyterian minister.

Upon examining his family Bible, it is found that he observed the old German rule and recorded the day of the week, as well as of the month, of the birth of each child. He also recorded the name of the minister who baptized each child. His children were baptized by Reformed ministers. The record of births and baptisms is as follows:

Catherine Campbell Shuford was born Oct. 21, 1874, and was baptized by Rev. J. Ingold, D. D.

Maud Evans Shuford was born Feb. 10, 1877, and was baptized by Rev. Ingold.

Abel Alexander Shuford was born March 25, 1879, and was baptized by Rev. Ingold.

Archie Campbell Shuford was born May 14, 1881.

Esther Gilmer Shuford was born July 12, 1883, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Gurley.

Rosa Campbell Shuford was born May 28, 1885, and was baptized by Rev. Gurley.

James Campbell Shuford was born Jan. 12, 1888, and was baptized by Rev. Louis Reiter.

Mary Campbell Shuford was born May 23, 1890, and was baptized by Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

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A. A. Shuford is intensely interested in church work, and it may be that in this department of life the true character of the man is seen. Just before he enlisted to defend his country, he enlisted under the Great Captain, becoming a member of Bethel Reformed church, the church of his fathers.

When the Reformed church was organized in Hickory

in 1869, Mr. Shuford entered as a charter member, and was made a deacon of that congregation. This position he has held continuously ever since. Indeed he has been so intimately connected with the congregation that his life and that of the church seem inseparable. His deep interest in the welfare of the church has been manifest in many ways, but one or two instances will serve to show how near his heart the prosperity of his church lies. He has been known to leave his banking business and go to the church in order that he might attend to the arranging of a stove or the placing of the seats, so that everything would be ready for the Sunday service. Nothing is too small when it will benefit the church to engage Mr. Shuford's attention. He teaches in the Sunday-school, attends the meetings for prayer, and all the business meetings of the church. But withal he is modest, having declined several times to be elected elder, preferring to serve in the lower office, that of deacon.

If there is one line of church work in which Mr. Shuford excels, it is in benevolence. He makes money, but he does not love it. As he prospers the church has been blessed by his benefactions. His liberality is not limited to the congregation of his own choice, but extends to other churches.

Amid the many duties of life, Mr. Shuford has found time to give some attention to the cause of education. In the founding of Claremont Female College of Hickory, he was most active. For many years he has served as a trustee of Catawba College, and it has been his good business judgment that has relieved the trustees in many financial straits. The poor have been blessed by his liberality.

To know Mr. Shuford as he really is, he must be seen



in the home with his wife, surrounded by a family of happy children, or in the Sunday-school teaching a class of bright, interesting girls. At these places he is happy.

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Catherine Campbell Shuford married Dr. Henry Charles Menzies June 2, 1897. He was born at Asheville, N. C., Nov. 5, 1873. He graduated in medicine at Davidson College, N. C., and took a post graduate course in New York City. The children of this marriage are:

Henry Charles Menzies born April 6, 1898.

Abel Alexander Shuford Menzies born Jan. 20, 1900.

They live at Hickory, N. C. They were married by the Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Hickory, N. C. Dr. Menzies is a young physician of promise, and has an extensive practice. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his wife is a member of the Reformed church.

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#### BRILLIANT CHURCH WEDDING.

A Philadelphia Newspaper Man Wins a Southern Bride.  
Special to "The Record."

HICKORY, N. C., April 23d,—Corinth Reformed church, almost hidden in choice flowers and palms and brilliant with myriad lights from varicolored electric lamps, was this evening the scene of the wedding of Miss Maud Shuford and Gordon H. Cilley.

The bride's father is A. A. Shuford, one of the most prominent bankers of the South, while the groom, who is attached to the editorial staff of "The Philadelphia Record," represents one of the foremost families of the state, their home also being in this city.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Murphy. The bride, who is one of the most admired belles of

this section, was attended by Miss Hattie Moore, of Bramwell, W. Va., who was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Essie and Rosa Shuford, sisters of the bride, and Miss Katherine Copeland and Miss Vee Copeland, of Statesville, N. C.

Albert B. Bailey, of Philadelphia, was best man, and the following acted as ushers: H. A. Banks, of Charlotte, N. C., Niell W. Clark, W. J. Shuford, and J. L. Cilley. The bride was given away by A. A. Shuford, Jr, her brother.

Kathryn Seagle, as organist, played the wedding march from "Lohengrin."

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Abel Alexander Shuford, Jr., lives at Hickory, N. C. He is a merchant, and owns hardware stores at Hickory and Newton, N. C. He is a successful business man.

Archie C. Shuford died of scarlet fever Nov. 16, 1883; age 2 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

Misses Esther and Rosa Shuford are students at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

The two youngest children, James and Mary, are at home.

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WALLACE P. SHUFORD.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, March 13, 1901.

REV. J. H. SHUFORD, Hickory, N. C.—

Dear Uncle Julius: Father received your letter of a few days ago, and has requested me to answer same.

We are glad to hear from you, and to know that you are getting along nicely. Of course, we will all take a book of the "Shuford Family," and I am sure it will be quite an addition to our small library. Well, I will proceed to answer your questions to the best of my ability.

Wallace P. Shuford was born Nov. 7, 1844, in Catawba County, N. C. He enlisted in the Confederate Army of 1862, at the age of 17, Company B, 42nd North Carolina Regiment, Kirkland's Brigade, Hoke's Division, and was engaged in the following battles: Bermuda Hundred, Va., Second Coal Harbor, Va., Siege of Petersburg, Second Battle of Kingston, N. C., Fort Fisher, N. C., Bentonville, N. C., and numerous other small engagements. Surrendered near High Point, N. C. under Gen Joe E. Johnson, April 6, 1865.

He married Emma E. Ramsaur, Oct. 28, 1866, moved to Arkansas in 1868, and lived at Hamburg, Ashley County, Ark., fifteen years, and removed to Fort Smith in 1882, where he still resides. From their marriage six children were born, all of whom are still living:

Lula C. Shuford, Mrs. S. King; two children.

Eugene W. Shuford, married Miss Fannie Shelton.

J. Frank Shuford, married Miss Nina Hatcher; two children.

Sallie S. Shuford.

Garland J. Shuford.

Clarence V. Shuford.

Garland Shuford enlisted in the U. S. Army June 20, 1899, Company B 33d Regiment, U. S. V., and served in the Philippine Islands, and was engaged in the battles of San Fabian, San Jacinto, and battle of Vigan. The regiment that Garland is in is the one that released Gilmore, and is known as the famous 33d Reg-

iment.

The 33d Regiment is on its way home now, and we expect Garland home in about six weeks, and you don't know how glad we will be to see him, and to hear all his experiences.

Uncle Julius, I am writing this letter during office hours, so I must close.

I trust that the above information will be of service to you.

Grandpa Ramsaur's address is Hamburg, Ark., and I have written to him, and requested that he write you.

All the family send love. Your niece,

SALLIE S. SHUFORD.



#### JOHN M. SHUFORD.

John M. Shuford is a son of Jacob H. Shuford. Jacob H. Shuford is a son of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

John M. Shuford was born in Catawba County, N. C., March 9, 1847. His father was a successful farmer in Catawba County, N. C. John M. Shuford was raised upon his father's farm. When 17 years of age, he became a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was captured at the fall of Fort Fisher, Dec. 25, 1864, and was held as a prisoner of war until June 20, 1865, when he returned home, being released from prison.

He became heir to that part of the farm upon which his parents lived, and farmed and took care of them during their last days.

While farming on the old homestead, he was considered one of the best farmers in Catawba County, N. C.

Some time after the death of his parents, he moved to Hickory, N. C., for the purpose of educating his children. His two daughters were educated at Claremont College, Hickory, N. C.

Jan. 13, 1870, he married Alice Wilson, a daughter of Maj. Wilson, of Catawba County, N. C. There are four children of this marriage. The children are: Ada C. Shuford, Carroll Shuford, Suehonor Shuford, and Jacob Shuford.

Since John Shuford has been living at Hickory, N. C., he has been farming and merchandising, and has been successful in both.

He and his wife and children are members of the Reformed church of U. S. He was deacon in the Reformed church at Bethel for many years. This is the church where he was raised, and where his parents worshipped in their day. He held the office of deacon in the Reformed church at Hickory for some years. He now (1901) lives at Hickory, N. C. His wife was born Jan. 16, 1851.

Ada Catherine, the oldest daughter of John M. and Alice Wilson Shuford, was born Nov. 9, 1870, and was married to G. Harvey Geitner on the 17th of August, 1892, by the Rev. J. L. Murphy. Mr. Geitner is a Pennsylvanian, and was born at Lititz, Lancaster County of that State, and belonged to the well know Moravian community, which is noted for the thrift and substantial character of its members.

On coming to North Carolina, Mr. Geitner, who was

but a boy, settled with his father's family in the town of Hickory. He identified himself with the Piedmont Wagon Company of that town.

On settling in Hickory, he connected himself with the Reformed church, and has served the congregation as a ruling elder, and is one of the most liberal supporters.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Geitner, are John George, who was born June 15, 1893, and Frances Royer, who was born July 10, 1896.

Carroll M. Shuford was born March 22, 1872. He took a course of pharmacy at the Maryland College, Baltimore, Md. He owns a drug store, and is a successful business man. His home is in Hickory, N. C. He has a fine home at that place. Carroll Shuford married Miss Elizabeth Christine Zahring, of Columbia, Mo., July, 14, 1898.

Mrs. Carroll Shuford was a Teacher of Science in Claremont College, Hickory, N. C., and is a graduate of the State University at Columbia, Mo.

Charles H. Geitner was born in Lancaster County, Pa., June 5, 1866. His wife, Susie Shuford, was born in Catawba County, N. C., April 13, 1877. They were married Jan. 30, 1900. They have a son by the name of Clement Geitner, Jr., who was born Nov. 27, 1900.

Mr. Geitner lives at Hickory, N. C., and is proprietor of Hickory Tannery.

He and his wife are members of the Reformed church.

Jacob H. Shuford M. D., the youngest son of J. M. and Alice Shuford, was born in Catawba County, N. C., June 6, 1879. His early education was secured in the select school of the late R. K. Meade. Under the skillful management of Prof. Meade young Shuford showed great aptitude for learning and easily stood among those

who headed the class. Leaving the Meade school he entered Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C. Selecting the study of medicine as his profession, he entered the school of medicine at the University of Michigan, located at Ann Arbor. Here he studied for four years, taking a full course, making the study of the eye, the ear, and the throat his specialty. Upon graduating, in 1901, from the University with honor, he returned to Hickory, N. C., and located for the practice of his profession. At this time he has practiced medicine only about six months, but during that time has met with marked success, enjoying the full confidence of the profession, and being often called in consultation with older physicians.



#### REV. JULIUS H. SHUFORD, A. B.

Rev. J. H. Shuford is a native of Catawba County, North Carolina. He is a son of Jacob H. Shuford, who died in 1874. The father of Jacob H. Shuford was Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. The father of Jacob Shuford was Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin was a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

The father of J. H. Shuford was a farmer. J. H. Shuford spent his early life upon his father's farm. When a young man he became a student of Catawba College, Newton, N. C. It was at this institution of learning that he was prepared for the Sophomore class of college. In 1871 he entered the Sophomore class of Uusinus College, Collegeville, Pa., and was graduated

by that college in the spring of 1874. In the summer of 1874, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Classis of North Carolina. Classis at this time met in special session at Newton, N. C. He was at this same meeting of Classis ordained to the ministry of the gospel. A few weeks after his ordination he was installed as pastor of Grace charge. The charge was then composed of four congregations, Hickory, Bethel, Grace, and Daniel's. These congregations are located in the counties of Catawba and Lincoln. He served these churches as pastor until the summer of 1876. In the summer of 1876 he received a call to the Western Rowan charge, consisting of Mt. Zion in Rowan county and Gilead in Cabarrus county. While there the Mt. Zion congregation at China Grove raised money for the purpose of building a new house of worship, which was soon completed. In the summer of 1878, he was called the second time as pastor of Grace charge. The charge was then composed of three congregations, Grace, Bethel, and Daniel's. He served these churches as pastor until the summer of 1880. The work in the charge consisted of preaching the word, pastoral visitation, receiving members in the church, and administering the Sacraments. Many long rides and much hard work was done for the Master in looking after these churches. The work was one of love and self-denial for the Master.

In the spring of 1881, he was called to the Altamont charge, Altamont, Ill. When he went there, the charge had been vacant about four years, and was disorganized. He reorganized the charge, and held the charge in good working order. After reorganization of the charge, he spent his time in preaching the gospel, visiting the sick, administering the Sacraments, and receiving members into the church. In the spring of 1884, he received a



call from the Astoria charge, Astoria, Ill. The charge consisted of two congregations; one at Astoria, and the other at Summum, Ill. The congregation at Summum was about one thousand dollars in debt when he went there. The debt was soon paid, and the charge placed upon a good financial basis. At that time modern scepticism was found in the great Northwest. This kind of opposition to the movements of the Christian Church required the best kind of preparation for the pulpit, and the best of pastoral work. In the spring of 1887, he received a call to the Upper Davidson charge, North Carolina Classis. These churches are located in Davidson county, North Carolina. He spent one year in this charge, preaching to four congregations, and in planning for the erection of a parsonage which was soon completed.

In the summer of 1888, he was called to the Middlebrook charge, Middlebrook, Va. The charge for many years had been under the care of the Home Mission Board and was in a sinking condition financially. When he left the charge it was self-supporting and is still, 1902, self-supporting, and is aiding in the home mission work, and foreign mission work. He remained in the Shenandoah Valley until 1899, preaching in his charge and, after resigning his charge, acting as supply for vacant churches, and assisting his brethren in their fields of labor. The Valley of Virginia has ministers of high literary and theological attainments, and experienced church work and high personal character and devout piety. These surroundings were congenial, and were a guide in a development of the best system of church work. His stay in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia was in many ways pleasant. He often preached in the Valley, where the contending armies of the war between the

states marched and fought. It is a great honor to be a soldier of the cross, and to fight the battles of the Lord upon the battle grounds where the armies of our country fought for supremacy and power.

J. H. Shuford was once president of the Classis of North Carolina, and twice elected by that Classis as a delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed church in the United States, and was present at Tiffin, Ohio, and participated in the meeting of that body when the Peace Commission's report was adopted. This was one of the most interesting meetings in the history of that body and was composed of the most distinguished men of the church. He was once president of the Classis of Shelby, which has now become a part of the Illinois Classis. While preaching in Virginia, he was called to fill the president's chair in that classis also—a classis noted for its conservatism and careful deliberation of all legislative questions.

He is now living at Hickory, N. C., where he began his ministry in 1874. He is still doing effective work for the Reformed church, and is also engaged in literary work. He is the author of a book known as the "Historical Sketch of the Shuford Family." The manuscript of this book has been examined and approved by men of prominence in different states. As the book goes to press, there are calls for it in the following states: Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and California.

Rev. J. H. Shuford was born December 19, 1849, and was baptized by Rev. M. L. Shuford, a minister of the Reformed church in U. S., a sketch of whose life is found in this book. He has never been married. He is a good student and prepares his sermons with care.

He became a member of the Reformed church under the ministry of Rev. J. Ingold, D. D. A historical sketch of Daniel's Reformed church was written by Mr. A. Nixon. In this sketch Mr. Nixon says that "J. H. Shuford served this church as pastor, and faithfully discharged the duties of his sacred office."

ALICE A. SHUFORD.

Alice A. Shuford, daughter of Jacob H. and Katherine Shuford, was born July 29, 1852. She married Quince A. Wilfong, son of John Wilfong, on Dec. 15 1870. The children of this marriage were: Cora, Jay, Amelia, Julius, Gordon, and Mary. Amelia, Julius, and Mary are dead.

Q. A. Wilfong is a farmer and one of the most substantial citizens of Catawba County. In matters of education and religion he has been prominent. He has served as a member of the school board in his district for several years. He is a member of Grace Reformed church, and has served that congregation as elder.

Cora married R. L. Shuford, son of George Shuford, and one of the most progressive farmers of Catawba County.

Gordon enlisted in the Spanish-American war, and made an honorable record for faithful service. He enlisted in April 1898, in the First N. C. Regiment, Company A, and was mustered out April 1899. Gordon is now a young man of promise, clerking in the town of Hickory.

Jay lives at home with his parents. He is a fine business young man; has assumed the management of his father's farm, and is eminently fitted for that responsible position. The entire family are of a religious disposition, and are members of the Reformed church.



#### LAURA SHUFORD RAMSAUR.

Laura Shuford married Eli Ramsaur. She is the youngest child of Jacob H. Shuford, who died in 1874. They were married by Rev. J. H. Shuford at the old Jacob Shuford homestead in Catawba County, N. C., in 1875. The children of this marriage are: Guy, Earl, Maud, Middlecoff, and Brent.

Eli Ramsaur is a farmer and lives in Lincoln County, N. C. He and his wife and children are members of Daniel's Reformed church.

Eli Ramsaur was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was wounded and captured at the battle of Winchester, Va., where he fought under Gen. Early in his battle against Gen. Sheridan.



#### ELKANAH L. SHUFORD.

Elkanah L. Shuford was born Aug. 10, 1807. His father was Jacob Shuford who died April 1, 1844. The

grandfather of Elkanah Shuford was Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. The great-grandfather of Elkanah Shuford was John Shuford, who died in 1790. Elkanah Shuford was born in Lincoln County, now Catawba. He was born on the old John Shuford farm, near Grace Reformed church, of which he became a member when a young man, and in early life became an elder in that church. His early pastor was the Rev. John Fritchey, a minister in the Reformed church.

When a young man his father moved to what is known as the Bunker Hill farm in Catawba County, N. C., where he owned a large mill and a store. His son, Elkanah, was a partner with him at that place in the mercantile business. About this time he married a Miss Emeline Martin, of a prominent family in Wilkes County at that time. There was one son of this marriage, Julius Martin, who was born March 10, 1844.

Soon after Elkanah's marriage, he located in Lowndes County, Ala., where he owned a large cotton plantation.

When only 15 years old, Julius Shuford, son of Elkanah Shuford, volunteered as a soldier in the Confederate Army, under the command of Gen. John B. Gordon of Ga. He was a brave soldier, and fell at the battle of Malvern Hill. His body was taken to Lowndes, Ala., and buried.

Elkanah Shuford spent the greater part of his life on his plantation in Alabama, and there connected himself with the Presbyterian church, where he was a ruling elder many years.

While living in Alabama, his wife, Emeline Martin Shuford, died and is buried beside her son, Julius Martin Shuford.

Many years after the death of his wife, he married Miss Harriet Emerson, of Alabama. There were no

children of this marriage. She died and is buried in Lowndes County, Ala.

E. L. Shuford was married to Miss Kate McKay, daughter of Sarah and John McKay, of Tuskegee, Ala. She was his third wife. Soon after his third marriage, he sold his plantation in Alabama, and located in Acworth, Ga. As a business man, he was above the average of his day, and accumulated much property.

While in Acworth, he again held the office of elder in the Presbyterian church, and held that office until his death. There were two children of this marriage, Magnolia McKay, born at Acworth, Ga., Nov. 1, 1874; Elkanah Rogers, born at Acworth, Aug. 4, 1877.

At different times through his life, he adopted orphan children none of whom lived to be grown. He raised and educated at West Point, Eli D. Hoyle, being a near relation of his. The mother of Elkanah Shuford was Margaret Hoyle. He was devoted to this young man, and loved him as a son.

#### ANDREW SHUFORD.

Andrew Shuford is a son of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford who died in 1790. Andrew Shuford was born Feb. 24, 1810. The place of his birth was Lincoln, now Catawba County, N. C. His father was a farmer. He married Elvira Collins Nov. 9, 1830. They had four

children: Martha Shuford, Delia Shuford, Alonzo Shuford, and Mildred Shuford.

Andrew Shuford was for a number of years Sheriff of Catawba County, N. C. He represented Lincoln County in the Legislature of North Carolina. In 1852, he settled at Canton, Georgia. He became a member of the Confederate Army in 1861, and remained in the Army until 1862. He was at the surrender of Roanoke Island, N. C.

He was a member of the M. E. Church South, and was very active in church work.

After the close of the Civil War, he settled in Catawba County, N. C., making Hickory, N. C. his home, where he ended his pilgrim days.

Andrew Shuford died Aug. 16, 1880. His wife died March 11, 1886.

Delia Shuford married Henry Wilfong. The children of this marriage were: Thomas, Carrie, Willie, Bragg, and Fannie; these are living (1901). Those not living were: John, Mattie, May, Charles, and Alonzo.

Willie Wilfong married a Miss Klutz and lives at Hickory. Carrie Wilfong married Andrew Marshall and lives at Hickory.

Martha Ann Shuford married Dr. S. A. Suddereth, of Burke County. Their children were Minnie, who married F. B. Alexander, and Clara, who married a Mr. Hagler, and Charles, who died a young man.

Mildred Shuford married Dr. Crowell. Their children are A. H. and Samuel Crowell. After the death of Dr. Crowell, she married Wm. H. Ellis, of Hickory, N. C. The children by this marriage are Mildred and Annie Ellis.

Capt. A. B. C. Shuford was born in Lincoln County, N. C. now Catawba County, December 16, 1837. He

is a son of Andrew Shuford.

Capt Shuford received his education at Catawba College, Newton, N. C. In 1852, his father moved to Canton, Georgia. In 1861, he joined the Confederate Army at Canton, Georgia. He was soon made Captain of his Company, and fought under Joseph Johnson and Gen. Lee in their campaign against McLelland in his effort to capture Richmond in 1862.

He was wounded at the battle of Second Manassas Aug. 1862, and died in a few days after he was wounded.

He was a member of the M. E. Church South. His funeral was preached at Canton, Georgia, Oct. 26, 1862, by Rev. P. H. Brewster. The text was Job 14: 10. Among his last words were "I am willing to die."

Willie H. Wilfong, a son of Henry Wilfong and Delia C. Shuford, was born Feb. 26, 1859. He is a mechanic and lives at Hickory, N. C. He married Miss Lizzie Klutz, of Rowan County N. C., May 17, 1883. They have seven children, viz., Carrie, Bessie, Claud, Fannie, Bryan, and Harvey.



#### SUSAN SHUFORD REINHARDT.

Susan Shuford Reinhardt is a daughter of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

Lawson Reinhardt was born in Lincoln County, North



Carolina, June 20, 1815.

Susan Shuford was born in Lincoln County, now Catawba County, N. C., June 12, 1813. She married Lawson Reinhardt Sept. 19, 1837.

The children of this marriage are: Alexander Sidney, Romulus Shuford, Michael, Mary Eliza, Susan Maria, Amelia H. Reinhardt. There was an infant son born and died on the same day.

Lawson Reinhardt moved from North Carolina to Texas, some years before the War between the States. His home was near Quitman, Tex. He was a farmer by occupation. Susan Shuford Reinhardt died Aug. 6, 1861. She is buried in the cemetery at Quitman, Tex.

Lawson Reinhardt married the second time. His widow now lives at Quitman, Tex., 1901.

Lawson Reinhardt died Nov. 17, 1871. He is buried in the cemetery at Quitman, Texas.

Alexander S. Reinhardt was born September 1838. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.

Romulus Shuford Reinhardt was born Jan. 19, 1840. He died at Columbus, Miss., June 7, 1862. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army.

Michael Reinhardt was born July 2, 1841. He married Nancy Ursengin June 10, 1867. He is (1901) living at Speer, Texas.

Mary Eliza Reinhardt was born Nov. 28, 1845. She died June 8, 1846.

Susan Maria Reinhardt was born July 7, 1847. She died Sept. 24, 1864.

Amelia H. Reinhardt was born Oct. 28, 1849. She married Mr. F. M. Dyer. He died Aug. 13, 1888. She is now living at Quitman, Tex. She is the mother of seven children. They are living (1901).

## ELIZABETH SHUFORD RAMSAUR.

Elizabeth Shuford Ramsaur is a daughter of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780, and a grand-daughter of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

She married John Ramsaur, and lived in Lincoln County, N. C. They are buried at Daniel's Reformed church, Lincoln County, N. C.

The children of this marriage are: Ann, Myra, Barbara, George, David, Catherine, Sarah, and Mary Ramsaur.

Ann first married David Wilfong; after his death she married David Ramsaur. There is a son of this marriage by the name of William, who now lives at Hickory, N. C., 1901.

Myra Ramsaur married Peter Summerrow, and lived in Lincoln County, N. C.

Barbara Ramsaur married David Hedrick.

George Ramsaur married Eliza Warlick. The children of this marriage were: Pink, Eli, Laura, Lou. Lou married Dan Hoover. Pink married Miss Lantz. Eli married Laura Shuford. Laura Ramsaur is not married.

David Ramsaur married Rebecca Duckworth. Their children are: John, Milton, Mollie, Ann, William, Ada, and Effie. John lives in Florida. Annie is dead, and the others live in N. C. Milton married Rhoda Blackburn. Mollie married William Finger. Ada married Edward Henderson, and Effie married Bascom Johnston, of Lenoir, N. C.

Catherine Ramsaur married Jacob Michael. Jacob Michael had a son William, who married Miss Isabel Ramsaur. Their children are: Annie, Sallie, Katherine, and Robert. They live at Lincolnton, N. C. Annie

married Thomas Hoke, of Lincolnton, N. C.

Sarah Ramsaur married Dr. Andrew Ramsaur, of Lincolnton, N. C. Mary Ramsaur married millwright Jacob Ramsaur. The children are Theodore, Oliver, Melvin, Sallie, and Susan. Oliver and Susan are dead, and the others are living in N. C. Sallie married Daniel Forney. Susan married R. P. Reinhardt. Theodore married Mary Knupp. Melvin married Eliza Turner. Oliver married Elizabeth Ramsaur.



#### PHILIP SHUFORD.

In Lincoln County, N. C., on the 3rd inst., at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. H. E. Ramsaur, Mr. Philip Shuford, in the 79th year of his age. The individual whose death we here record was a plain man: yet, plain and unassuming as he was, he possessed much to recommend him to the notice and observation of all who knew him.

As a neighbor, he was kind and obliging; as a friend, he was true and faithful; as a husband and father, he was tender and affectionate, and as a Christian, he was humble and devoted. In all the relations which he sustained in life, he exhibited a character conscientious and devout. As a Christian, especially, his example is worthy of imitation. At the age of 19, Mr. Shuford was received, on profession of faith, as a member of the German Reformed church. For many years he filled the office of ruling elder in the congregation to which

he belonged. Few men have stronger attachments for the church, or are more devoted to her interest than he. Such was his love for the church and the high estimate which he had for her worship and ordinances, that he continued to wait upon the Lord in the use of the means of grace, with but little intermission up to the time of his last sickness, which deprived him of this privilege about three months. He had been in bad health for more than a year, yet still he continued to repair to the sanctuary, until prostrated by the disease which terminated in his dissolution. Thus admonished that his services in the church militant had ceased, and that the time of his departure was at hand, he bowed in child like submission, and patiently did he wait, as he himself expressed it, "The will of the Lord."

Although his sufferings were great, and the time seemed long, yet he did not murmur. As we, together with his children and grand-children, gathered around our departing friend and father, did we witness a calm scene of resignation and holy confidence. The ardent desire he had to depart and be with Christ, which is far better, was tempered by the patient resignation of the aged Christian. By his meek and peaceful reliance on Him, in whom he had believed, he seemed to say: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." And when the time drew near for the final struggle, like the aged patriarch Jacob, he "gathered up his feet into his bed," and breathed his placid soul into the bosom of his beloved.

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Philip Shuford was born Feb. 15, 1781, in Lincoln County. He married Abernethy, of Lincoln County, N. C. Their home was in Lincoln County, N. C.

The children of this marriage are: Catherine Shuford,

Elizabeth Shuford, Robert M. Shuford, Frances A. Shuford, Sarah E. Shuford, Ann Shuford, Amy Shuford, Obed Shuford.

Philip Shuford was for many years an elder in the Reformed church at Grace. He is buried at Grace church. His wife was a member of the same church and is buried at the same place.

Catherine Shuford married Peter Warlick. Their home was in Catawba County, N. C. Peter Warlick was a farmer by occupation. They were members of the Reformed church and are buried at Grace church. The children are: Margaret, Mary, Harriet, Robert, and Sarah. Margaret married Maxwell Ramsaur. Harriet married Robert Patton, of Burke County. She is not living. Sarah married L. F. Warlick, of Burke County, N. C. She is not living. Mary died unmarried. Robert died when a young man.

Elizabeth Shuford was born Feb. 19, 1810. She married George Cathey. Their home was in Catawba County, N. C. The children of this marriage are: Robert Cathey and Caroline Cathey. Robert Cathey died in the Confederate Army. Caroline Cathey married Rufus F. Cobb. Mr. Cobb has a daughter, who lives in Hickory, N. C. She married Mr. Frank Johnson of that place.

Frances Shuford first married John Doggett. There were two children of this marriage, John and Rufus Dogget, who are both dead. Fannie Shuford was born Aug. 26, 1814.

After the death of her first husband, she married Daniel Ramsaur. Their home was in Lincoln County, N. C. He is not living. She is still living. The children of this marriage are: Amelia Ramsaur, Anne Ramsaur, Fannie Ramsaur, Martha Ramsaur, Thomas

Ramsaur, and May Ramsaur.

Fannie Ramsaur married David Shuford and lives at Louise, N. C. Martha Ramsaur married Lee Hoover. She is not living. Thomas Ramsaur married Minnie Shank, of Cleveland County, N. C. He lives at Cleveland, N. C., and is associated with his father-in-law in a cotton mill at that place. May Ramsaur married Pink Rollins and lives at Cleveland, N. C. Amelia Ramsaur married William Ray and lives in Cleveland County. Anne died at the age of eighteen. She was not married.

Sarah Shuford was born in Lincoln County, now Catawba, Jan. 2, 1817. She married Henry Ramsaur. Their home was in Lincoln County, N. C. Henry Ramsaur was for many years a member of the Reformed church at Grace. After leaving that locality, he joined the Presbyterian church. The children of this marriage are: Betty Ramsaur, who married Oliver Ramsaur, a good man, many years an elder in the Reformed church; Alice Ramsaur, who married Mr. Harrell, and Ella Ramsaur who married Thomas Harrell. Ella Harrell lives at Lincolnton, N. C.

Ann Shuford was born in Lincoln County N. C., April 30, 1820. She is a daughter of Philip Shuford of that same county. She married Harrison Wilson, of Tennessee, Aug. 29, 1844. Their last home was at Hickory, N. C., where they both died and are buried. They were both members of the Reformed church.

Harrison Wilson died July 25, 1886. Ann Wilson died Dec. 10, 1901. The funeral of Harrison Wilson was preached by Rev. Lewis Reiter, minister of the Reformed church. The funeral of Ann Wilson was preached by Rev. J. L. Murphy.

"The death of Mrs. Ann Wilson removes from Cor-

inth congregation one of the oldest members. She died Dec. 10, 1901, and was 81 years, 7 months, and 20 days old. She leaves three living children: Mrs. T. E. Field, of Hickory, Mrs. Sallie Clark and Mr. George Wilson, of S. C. For several years, Mrs. Wilson made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Field.

Mrs. Wilson was a woman of sterling character, belonging to the Philip Shuford family. She was a devoted member of the Reformed church, and an exemplary Christian. During her long illness she gave evidence of the fact that she was prepared and ready to go whenever the summons came. Her funeral was conducted from the Reformed church of Hickory, Rev. J. L. Murphy, her pastor, having charge of the service, assisted by Rev. T. A. Boone, of the Methodist church. The sorrowing children have much to comfort them. Mother and grandmother is now at rest and waiting for the children.

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The children of Harrison and Ann Wilson are: George Wilson, Sallie Wilson, and Lillie Wilson.

George Wilson lives at Florence, S. C., and is an engineer, and has been for years. He married Sallie Roberts. There are nine children of this marriage—eight of them are living; one is dead.

Sallie Wilson married Alex. Clark, and lives at Abbeville, S. C. The children are: Neill Clark, Anna Clark, Shuford Clark, Sherman Clark, George Clark, Thurston Clark, Lillie Clark, and May Clark. All are living except Sherman Clark. Neill Clark is a merchant of Hickory, N. C. Mr. Clark and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Lillie Wilson married Thomas Field. Their home is at Hickory, N. C. Mr. Field is a merchant of Hickory,

N. C. He is a member of the M. E. Church South, and his wife of the Reformed church.

The children of Mr. Field and wife are: Annie Field, Tommy Field, Fannie Field, Inez Field, Harry Field, Sadie Field, Lillian Field, Mary Field, John Field, and Hilda Field.

All are living with exception of Tommy and Harry Field.

Annie Field married Carlyle Loretz Marshall. Their home is in Tennessee. They were married by Rev. T. A. Boone, assisted by Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

Robert M. Shuford, son of Philip Shuford, was born April 5, 1812, in Lincoln County, N. C. His early life was spent on the farm with his father. When a young man he went to South Alabama with his cousin, Elkanah Shuford, and was engaged in farming in Lowndes County, for a number of years. He married Miss Lavenia Pou, of Hayneville, Ala. Soon after his marriage, he moved to Shelby County, near Harpersville, where he lived until after the Civil War. The children of this marriage were: Richard Hunley, Jones W., and Mary Brent, all born in Shelby County. His wife died in 1866, and is buried at Harpersville, Ala. After the death of his wife, he moved to Lincoln County, N. C., and afterward to Catawba County. He died at the home of his son, Jones W., June 3, 1898, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Hickory, N. C.

Richard Hunley, son of Robert M. and Lavenia Shuford, was born August 8, 1857, and died March 10, 1864.

Jones Withers Shuford was born Oct. 1, 1861. He married Miss Etta Suttlemyre, of Hickory, N. C. Their children are: Edwin Harold, Richard Harvey, Donald Emory, and Kate. He was engaged in merchandising at Hickory, N. C., until 1898, when he was appointed



Post Master by President McKinley.

Mary Brent was born Jan. 29, 1866. She married Wm. E. Shuford in 1890. They moved to St. Augustine, Fla., where she died Dec. 6, 1891.

Amy A. Shuford was born Aug. 12, 1822. She married Elkanah Ramsaur. Their home is in Catawba County, N. C. He is a tanner and farmer. They are members of Grace Reformed church, and he has held the office of elder in that church for many years. The children of this marriage are: Mollie, Ida, Obed, Fannie, Kate, and George.

Mollie Ramsaur married Pink Ramsaur, of Lincoln County, N. C. She is not living.

Obed Ramsaur married Katie Ramsaur. Their home is in Catawba County, N. C. He has held the office of deacon in Grace Reformed church many years.

Fannie Ramsaur married John Corpening, of Burke. They were married by Rev. J. H. Shuford, of Hickory, N. C. She is not living.

Kate Ramsaur married Pink Warlick, of Burke County, N. C. They live in that county. Mr. Warlick is a farmer, and once represented his county in the Legislature.

George Ramsaur married Mrs. Corpening, whose maiden name was Forney. They live in Burke County, N. C.

Obed P. Shuford was born March 28, 1826. He married Kate Ramsaur. Their home was for some years in Georgia, where he died. She lives in Lincoln County, N. C.

## JOHN SHUFORD.

John Shuford was a son of Martin Shuford who died in 1780. Martin Shuford was a son of John Shuford who died in 1790. John Shuford was a farmer. His home was in Lincoln County, N. C. He married a Miss Hallman. The children of this marriage are: Martin Shuford, Sallie Shuford, Anna Shuford. After the death of his first wife, he married the second time. There was a son of this marriage by the name of Lawson Shuford.

Martin Shuford, a son of John Shuford, married Margaret Warlick, a daughter of Lewis Warlick. Lewis Warlick lived a few miles west of Grace Reformed church. He was the father of David Warlick, who was a local Methodist preacher. The children of Martin Shuford are: Lewis Shuford, Emmanuel Shuford, Elizabeth Shuford, Lavina Shuford, Noah F. Shuford, Sidney Shuford, Ann Shuford, Abel Shuford, and Pink Shuford.

Emmanuel Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford. John Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790. The mother of Emmanuel Shuford is Margaret Warlick. She is a member of the Warlick family in Catawba and Lincoln Counties. Emmanuel Shuford was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in Aug. 12, 1820. The wife of Emmanuel Shuford is Catharine E. Hoover Shuford. They were married by Eli Shuford, Esq., May 27, 1846. The children of this marriage are:

Mary Jane Shuford, born 1848.

Robert Franklin Shuford born 1850.

Ann Elizabeth Shuford born 1852.

Lewis D. Shuford born 1854.

Margaret Alice Shuford born 1856.

Lenoir Shuford born 1859.

David T. Shuford born 1860.

Ella A. Shuford born 1863.

Laura Henrietta Shuford born 1868.

Emmanuel Shuford lived in Caldwell County, N. C., and was a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the M. E. Church South, and was a steward in that church for many years. Emmanuel Shuford died May 7, 1883; age 62 years, 9 months, and 17 days.

Mary Jane Shuford died in 1865.

Robert Franklin Shuford and Harriet Smith were married Dec. 4, 1884. Robert F. Shuford is a farmer by occupation and a member of the M. E. Church South. The children of Robert F. Shuford are: Eugene, Jessie, Russell, George, Clara, Loyd, and Thomas Ivey Shuford. The latter son is named after Rev. G. N. Ivey, a member of the M. E. Church South, who was a minister in the Caldwell Circuit 12 years.

Lewis Shuford and Amanda Bech were married Sep. 20, 1870. The children of this marriage are: Ida, Edgar, Robert, Addie, Hester, Lela, John, Adolphus, Kate, Albert, Philmore. Lewis Shuford is a member of the M. E. Church South, and is a steward in that church. He is a farmer by occupation, and lives in Caldwell County, N. C.

Margaret Alice Shuford died in 1858.

Lenoir H. Shuford married Nelson Laxton Dec. 13, 1877. He is a farmer by occupation and lives in Caldwell County, N. C., and is a member of the Baptist church. His wife was a member of the M. E. Church South. She died Nov. 7, 1901. The funeral was preached by Rev. G. N. Ivey, a minister in the M. E.

Church South. The children are: Blair, Kate, Bertha, Lavenda, Wallace, Janie, and Ola.

David T. Shuford died Sept. 26, 1864.

Ella A. Shuford married John Parlier Dec. 26, 1888. They live in Caldwell County, N. C. He is a merchant. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church South. The children of this marriage are: Ralph, Roy, Bettie, Mildred, Clarence, Felix, and Noah. Noah and Roy are not living.

Anna Elizabeth Shuford married J. L. Beach Dec. 18, 1872. The children of this marriage are Walter, Maynard, Effie, Victor, Gamewell, William, and Hill. Maynard graduated this year, 1902, from Wake Forest Baptist College. Walter Beach is a student in the same college. Mr. J. L. Beach is a member of the Baptist church and lives in Caldwell County, N. C.

Laura Shuford married Thomas Laxton April 22, 1888. They live in Caldwell County, N. C. He is a farmer by occupation, and is a member of the Baptist church. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church South. The children are Lora, Addie, Nellie, Vada, Manilla, Anna Kate.

Sidney Shuford, a son of Martin Shuford, married Miss Clara Rhodes. They lived in Lincoln County, N. C., near Palm Tree church. He was a farmer by occupation. They were both members of Palm Tree M. E. Church South, and are buried at this church. The children are: Robert, not living, Frances, Thomas, Belton, Ada, William, and Nettie. Frances married Asbury Allran, and lives at Cherryville, N. C. Thomas Shuford married Willie Goodman, and lives at Plateau, N. C. William Shuford married Miss Goodman, and lives near Palm Tree church, Lincoln County, N. C. Ada married Mr. Joseph Havaner, a circuit rider in the

M. E. church. Nettie married C. E. Boggs. Their home is at Plateau.

Pink Shuford, a son of Martin Shuford, married Miss Sarah Peeler, of Cleveland County, N. C. The children were Robert and William. They are not living. After the death of his first wife, he married Miss Mary Ann Shuford, of Catawba County, N. C. The children of this marriage are Thomas Shuford and James Shuford. Thomas Shuford married Anna Belle Helton. He is a farmer, and lives in Catawba County, N. C. James Shuford married Mary Roberts, and lives at Hickory, N. C.

Pink Shuford is a farmer. His home is in Catawba County, N. C. He became a soldier in the Confederate Army in 1862, 56th Regiment N. C. Troops, and was captured at Richmond, at the fall of Richmond. Pink Shuford is a member of the M. E. Church South, and has held the office of steward in that church.



#### MARTIN SHUFORD.

Martin Shuford is a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780, and a grandson of John Shuford, who died in 1790. He lived near Lincolnton, N. C.

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I, Martin H. Shuford, son of Joseph Shuford, was born in Lincoln County, second day of June, 1839. I enlisted in Capt. George Seagle's company, from Lincoln County, about the first of April 1861.

I belonged to Company B 23rd Regiment N. C. Troops. I went out as corporal; shortly after we were in service I was promoted to orderly sergeant. On the 10th of

May 1862, our regiment was reorganized on the Chickahominy near Richmond, Va. Sidney A. Shuford, who was third lieutenant, was elected captain, and I was elected first lieutenant. On the 31st of May 1862, Capt. Sidney Shuford was killed at the battle of Seven Pines, carried back to Lincolnton and was buried in the old White Church cemetery by the Masons. There were four brothers of us in the Confederate service, Capt. S. A. Shuford, M. H. Shuford, William H. Shuford, and Jacob M. Shuford. I was in the battle of Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, Chancellorsville, South Mountain, Md., and was wounded and captured at Gettysburg, Pa., the first day of July, 1868, was carried to Johnson Island near Sandusky, O., on Lake Erie, and remained in prison until the 13th of March, 1865, and was paroled.

M. H. Shuford, Sidney A. Shuford, and Jacob M. Shuford belonged to Company B, 23rd Regiment. William H. Shuford was in the 83rd N. C. Troops, and was wounded at Petersburg the day that place was evacuated.

I was married to T. C. Carpenter, of Polk County, the 4th of Nov. 1873. We have six children, three girls and three boys: Lela, Lowery, Osie, Samuel, Oscar, and Harry. My mother was a daughter of Col. Abraham Mauney. I have filled the place of magistrate for a short time, deputy sheriff for three years, and held the office of high sheriff for six years.

My grandfather was Martin Shuford. He married Elizabeth Rhyne. He had five sons and four daughters; Philip, Thomas, George, Martin, and Joseph; daughters, Sallie, Clara, Elizabeth, and Barbara. Sallie and Clara were twins.

Respectfully,

M. H. SHUFORD, Gastonia, N. C.

P. S.—My uncles and aunts on the Shuford side are all dead.

Sarah Shuford, a daughter of Martin Shuford, married Caleb Miller, and lived in Lincoln County, N. C. Caleb Miller was sheriff of Lincoln County, N. C. His son, Jacob Miller, lives in Lincoln County, N. C. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and is an influential member of Daniel's Reformed church, Lincoln County, N. C.



#### DANIEL SHUFORD.

Daniel Shuford is a son of John Shuford, who is the father of the Shuford family in North Carolina. He was born in 1759. He married Elizabeth Ramsaur, of Lincoln County, North Carolina. She was born in 1760.

Daniel Shuford lived upon the old John Shuford homestead. When he lived there that part of the county was called Lincoln, now Catawba County, N. C.

The children of this marriage are: Daniel Shuford, John Shuford, David Shuford, Solomon Shuford, Henry Shuford, Ephraim Shuford, Elizabeth Shuford, Mary Shuford, and Barbara Shuford.

Some of these children became members of the Reformed congregation, and others of the Lutheran at Grace, Catawba County.

Daniel Shuford died June 3, 1834, age 75 years. His wife, Elizabeth Ramsaur Shuford, died June, 1820, aged 60 years. They are buried on the old John Shuford farm. This graveyard where they are buried is called the Shuford Graveyard.

Daniel Shuford, a son, married Hannah Robinson. They had no children. Their home was at Lincolnton, N. C.

John Shuford, a son, married Elizabeth Robinson. They lived on a part of the old John Shuford farm. They had one daughter by the name of Eliza Shuford, who married Albert Corpening. He was an elder in the Lutheran church at Grace. His children are: John, Camela, Melanchthon, Ann, and George.

David Shuford, a son, married Rhoda Coulter. They lived in Catawba County, N. C. Their children are: Martin, Elizabeth, and Daniel.

Martin moved to Yancey County, N. C., and married there. His children now (1902) live there.

Elizabeth married Samuel Blackburn. They lived in Catawba County, N. C. The children of this marriage are: Jennie, Rhoda, Georgeanna, and John.

Daniel married Rosa Kistler. They lived in Catawba County. Daniel Shuford was an elder in the Lutheran church at Grace for many years. His children are: Mary, David, Rhoda, and Daniel. David Shuford was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He married Miss Fannie Ramsaur. His home is at Louise, N. C. He is engaged in merchandising and farming. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Grace.

Solomon, a son, died unmarried. He lived upon the old John Shuford homestead. After his death, the old Shuford homestead went out of the Shuford family. It was bought by Mr. Lee Whitener, who now owns it.

Henry Shuford, a son, married Ann Warlick, and moved west. He had a son by the name of Maxwell Shuford, who was a soldier in the Confederate Army.

Ephraim Shuford, a son, married Susan Hoyle. She was a daughter of Jacob Hoyle. Jacob Hoyle was a



brother of Margaret Hoyle. Margaret Hoyle was the grandmother of the author of this book. She married Jacob Shuford in 1769. Ephraim Shuford lived in Cleveland County, N. C. His children are: Pink, Thomas, and Cato. Pink was a soldier in the Confederate Army.

Elizabeth Shuford, a daughter, married John Slagel and moved west.

Mary Shuford married Phillis Hynes, and lived in Lincoln County, N. C.

Barbara Shuford married Michael Shireman and lived in Lincoln County, N. C. They then went west.



#### DAVID SHUFORD.

David Shuford was a son of John Shuford, who was the father of the Shuford family in N. C. He married a Miss Ramsaur. His home was on the John Shuford farm. He is buried in the Shuford graveyard on the John Shuford farm. His wife is also buried in the same graveyard.

David Shuford represented Lincoln County in the Senate of N. C. several terms. His son George Shuford was an elder in the Reformed church at Grace many years. His grandson, A. Craige Shuford, represented his district in the lower house of Congress two terms.

Mr. Leroy Whitener, of Hickory, N. C., married Martha Shuford. She was a grand daughter of David Shuford. Mr. Leroy Whitener now owns the farm upon

which the house that John Shuford built stands. Mr. Whitener was four years a soldier in the Confederate Army. He surrendered under Lee at Appomattox. He has been mayor of the city of Hickory, and represented his county one term in the legislature. He is now a trustee of Catawba College and an elder in the Reformed church.

Mr. Wilfong Whitener married Kate Shuford, a grand daughter of David Shuford. Mr. Whitener was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and lost a leg at Gettysburg, Pa. He is one of the trustees of Catawba College, and holds the office of elder in the Reformed church. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

Rev. Maxwell Hoyle is a minister in the M. E. Church South, and has been in active work in that church many years. He is a grandson of David Shuford, his mother being a daughter of David Shuford.

Sidney Shuford, of Catawba County, N. C., is a son of George Shuford, and a grandson of David Shuford. He married Miss Margaret Hoover. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He holds the office of elder in the Reformed church at Grace.

Robert Shuford, a grandson of David Shuford, married Cora Wilfong. He lives in Catawba County, and owns a dairy farm.

Belle Shuford, a grand-daughter of David Shuford, married Robert Helton. Their home is in Catawba County, N. C. Mr. Helton is a farmer. He is a member of the M. E. church, and his wife is a member of the Reformed church.

Alice Shuford, a grand-daughter of David Shuford, married Adolphus Abernethy. Their home is at Hickory, N. C. She is a member of the Reformed church and he of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Abernethy is

an active and successful business man at Hickory, N. C.

Lemuel Shuford, a grandson of David Shuford, married a Miss Rhodes, of Lincoln County, N. C. She is not living. His home is in Catawba County, N. C.

David Shuford married Elizabeth Ramsaur. The children of David Shuford and wife are: John, Sarah, Mary, Anna, Elizabeth, David, George, and Maxwell.

John Shuford married Ollie Abernethy and went west.

Sarah Shuford married John Rhyne, and lived in Gaston County, N. C.

Mary Shuford married John Jarrett, and moved west.

Anna Shuford married David Robinson, and lived in Catawba County, N. C.

Elizabeth Shuford married Noah Hoyle, and lived in Cleveland County, N. C. His son, Maxwell Hoyle, is a minister of the gospel in the M. E. Church South. His daughter, Sarah Hoyle, married Mr. Daniel Keever, of Hickory, N. C. She died and is buried at Hickory, N. C.

George Shuford, a son of David Shuford, married Polly Baker. There were two children of this marriage: Sidney and Sarah.

Sidney Shuford married Margaret Hoover, and lives in Catawba County, N. C. The children of this marriage are: William, George, and Sarah. Sarah married Edgar Ramsaur. They live in the state of Washington. George also lives in the state of Washington. William lives at home with his father.

Sarah Shuford, a daughter of George Shuford, married a Mr. Hoover. He died in the Confederate Army. After his death, she married Mr. Monroe Helderbran, of Catawba County, N. C.

After the death of his first wife, George Shuford mar-

ried Eliza Baker. The children of this marriage are: Kate, Martha, William, Belle, Alice, Lemuel, A. C. Shuford, and Robert. Kate married Peter Wilfong Whitener. His son, Shuford Whitener, lives at Hickory, N. C. He is a merchant. He married Martha Wilfong. They are members of the Reformed church.

Martha married Leroy Whitener, of Hickory, N. C. She was a good woman, and died a member of the Reformed church, and is buried at Hickory, N. C. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Leroy Whitener married Mrs. Alice Murrell, of Hickory, N. C.

A. C. Shuford married Miss Willie Lowe, a daughter of Col. Thomas Lowe, who died in the Confederate Army.

Lemuel Shuford married Miss Carrie Rhodes, of Lincoln County, N. C. She became a member of Daniel's Reformed church, under the ministry of Rev. J. H. Shuford. She died in 1898, and is buried at Grace Reformed church.

Alice Shuford married Adolphus Abernethy. He lives at Hickory, N. C., and is engaged in business. He is a prominent member of the M. E. Church South. His wife is a devoted member of the Reformed Church of the U. S. The children are George Shuford, Anna, Jettie, Fred, Edgar, Ralph, Grace, Ruth, and Alice.

Anna Abernethy married John P. Cilley, a son of Judge C. A. Cilley, who was a colonel in the U. S. Army in the War between the States. They were married by Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., the minister of the Reformed church at Hickory, N. C. John Cilley is a machinist.

Jettie Abernethy married Walker Lyerly, November 7, 1900. They were married by Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D. Mr. Lyerly lives at Bridgewater, N. C., and is

engaged in merchandising.

Robert Lee Shuford, the youngest son of George P. Shuford, lives in Catawba County, and owns a dairy farm. Cora Wilfong and Robert Lee Shuford were married by Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., Nov. 8, 1891. The children are: Anna, Julius Wilfong, Mary Alice, and Robert Lee.

William Shuford, a son of George Shuford, was a soldier in the Confederate Army and died while on his way home from prison.

Maxwell Shuford, a son of David Shuford, married a Mrs. Roney. Her maiden name was Helderbran.

David Shuford, a son of David Shuford, died unmarried, when a young man.

George Shuford was an elder in the Reformed church at Grace. He took an active part in the educational work of his country, and was a useful and influential man in church work. His moral and religious character was of a high order. He was an Israelite in whom there was no guile. He died soon after the close of the Civil War. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. Ingold, D. D., who had been his pastor many years. Dr. Ingold in his funeral discourse gave strong testimony to the religious and devout life of George Shuford. When he died a great man fell in Israel. His father, David Shuford, died in 1832. The wife of David Shuford died later.

The wife of George Shuford, Eliza Baker Shuford, died a few years ago. She is buried at Grace church. She was a woman of high Christian character. Rev. Gwaltney, of the Baptist church, and Rev. J. C. Clapp, of the Reformed church, had charge of the funeral. She was a grand-daughter of Conrad Yoder, the father of the Yoder family in N. C.

## MAGDALENE SHUFORD RAMSAUR.

Magdalene Shuford is a daughter of John Shuford, who is the father of the Shuford family in N. C. She was born Dec. 6, 1767, and died Dec. 18, 1842; age 75 years and 12 days. She married Henry Ramsaur, and lived in Lincoln County, N. C. The children of this marriage are: David Ramsaur, Barbara Ramsaur, Elizabeth Ramsaur, Solomon Ramsaur, and Mary Ramsaur. Magdalene and Henry Ramsaur are buried in the Ramsaur graveyard in Lincoln County, N. C.

David Ramsaur married Mary Loretz, a daughter of Rev. Andrew Loretz, the father of the Reformed church in N. C. A. L. Ramsaur, of Hickory, N. C., is a son of this marriage.

Barbara Ramsaur married John Coulter. They are buried in the Ramsaur graveyard in Lincoln County, N. C. John Coulter was an elder in the Reformed church many years. He was sheriff, for some years, of Lincoln County.

Solomon Ramsaur married Elizabeth Warlick. Their home was in Lincoln County, N. C. Henry Ramsaur, of Lincolnton, N. C. is a son of this marriage.

Rev. J. Ingold, D. D., a minister in the Reformed church, married Margaret Ramsaur, a daughter of Solomon Ramsaur.

Elizabeth Ramsaur married Andrew Loretz, a son of Rev. Andrew Loretz. Andrew Loretz was sheriff of Lincoln County, and was also a member of the legislature.

Mary Ramsaur married John Carpenter. Their home was near Matthew's Reformed church.

## GEORGE PHILIP SHUFORD.

George P. Shuford is a son of David Shuford, who represented Lincoln County in the Senate of North Carolina in 1806, 1812, 1813, 1815, 1816, and 1820.

George P. Shuford was born October 24, 1806, and died May 17, 1867. His father, was David Shuford, who died Aug. 8, 1828. He was 67 years, 3 months, and 10 days old. The father of David Shuford was John Shuford who died in 1790. The wife of David Shuford was Elizabeth Ramsaur. She died Feb. 28, 1853, aged 79 years. She and David Shuford were members of the Reformed church. Her funeral was preached by the Rev. J. H. Crawford, who was a minister of the Reformed church, and a minister in the Shuford family for many years.

George P. Shuford married Mary Baker, who died Aug. 16, 1834. She is buried in the Shuford graveyard on the John Shuford farm. There were two children by this marriage, viz., John Sidney and Sarah Ann. He then married Eliza Baker, who was born March 10, 1820. By this marriage he had the following children: David Calvin, Catharine Elizabeth, Martha Jane, William Henry, who was born Oct. 26, 1846,—he was a soldier in the Confederate Army and died on his way home from prison—Mary Isabel, Eliza Alice, George Lemuel, Alonzo Craig, Robert Lee.

The following obituary on the death of George P. Shuford was written by the Rev. J. Ingold, D. D.:

Died of apoplexy, in Catawba county, N. C., on the 17th of May, 1867, George P. Shuford, Esq., in the 61st year of his age.

On the Sabbath previous to his dissolution, brother Shuford occupied his seat in the church, and filled his place at the communion table. No one thought on that occasion, that he would outstrip all others present in the race for glory. Nor was he himself conscious, that those services, in which he participated with lively hopes, would be the last enjoyed by him in the church militant. Nor did any one imagine, that on the next Lord's day, all that was mortal of George P. Shuford would be committed to its kindred dust. There was nothing in the appearance of the man, that indicated the near approach of death.

On Tuesday night he retired to rest. His health was good, and he slept soundly till 10 o'clock, when Mrs. Shuford discovered that he was ill. She asked him "Are you sick?" he replied, "I am very sick." In a few moments he was so paralyzed that he ceased to speak, and could only move occasionally his left hand and foot. In this condition he lingered till Friday night, when about 8 o'clock, he died without a struggle and apparently without a pang. Thus died our friend and brother, whose active life had been spent in doing good. It was his meat and drink to do his Master's will. When nineteen years of age, Mr. Shuford received the rite of confirmation, having previously been instructed in the doctrines of the German Reformed Church, as taught in our excellent formula, the Heidelberg Catechism. A few years after, while yet young, he was elected to the office of Ruling Elder. So faithfully did he discharge the functions of his office, that he won for himself the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He guarded with sacred vigilance every interest of the church. The church felt in his hands their most important trusts were safe. Nor was she ever disappointed. His tact for bus-



iness, his ardent piety, his benevolence and cheerful disposition, will long be remembered. It is not in the power of the grave to hide from memory the graces that adorned his character. They still live to guide, to stimulate, and cheer us in our homeward march.

Let the widow and orphan's desolate heart be cheered, as they read this tribute of respect. We commend them to the guardianship of the widow and orphan's God, who hath promised to soothe the sorrow, and heal the wound his own hand hath made.

"For us the Lord intends  
A bright abode on high,  
The place where sorrow ends,  
And naught is known but joy;  
With such a hope let us rejoice,  
We soon shall hear the Bridegroom's voice."

J. I.

John Sidney Shuford was born October 22, 1832. He married Margaret Hoover. His wife was born Feb. 8, 1835. Their children are: William who was born March 6, 1860; Sarah, born July 20, 1866, and George Philip born July 5 1869.

Sarah married Edgar Ramsaur and their home is in the state of Washington.

John Sidney Shuford belonged to the 46th regiment North Carolina troops, Co. K, Captain Adolphus Bost's company. He fought in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and 2nd Manassas. He is one of the substantial citizens of his county, an esteemed citizen of the community and prominent in the Reformed church at Grace.

Sarah Ann Shuford was married to James Hoover who died in the Confederate army. Their children are: Lida, Katie and Charles. Lida and Katie are dead. Charles married a Miss Whitener and lives in Catawba County. She afterwards married Monroe Hildebrand

of Catawba County. Ada, Martha and George are the children by this marriage.

David Calvin Shuford died October 8, 1840.

Catherine Elizabeth Shuford was born Aug. 12, 1841. She was married to Peter Wilfong Whitener of Catawba County. Peter Wilfong Whitener was born Jan. 5, 1840. They were married by Rev. J. Ingold. The following are the children: Shuford L., Susan, Mary Allie, Edward H., Martha, Claud R. and Katie.

Shuford L. married Mattie Wilfong, Susan married H. E. McCombs, Mary Allie married J. F. Abernethy, Edward H. died while a student at Catawba College, Martha married Pinkney Forney of Burke County, Claude married Daisy Yount of Lincoln County, and Katie married W. C. Schell of Hickory. Mary Allie, wife of J. F. Abernethy, died and afterwards Mr. Abernethy was married to Martha, widow of Pinkney Forney, who had also died.

Peter Wilfong Whitener, husband of Catherine Whitener, is one of the prominent farmers of his county. He has served his county as county commissioner, his church as an elder and trustee of Catawba College and his country as a Confederate soldier on the field of battle. Catherine is a woman of high Christian character, and a member of the Baptist church.

Martha Jane Shuford was born March 16, 1844. She married L. R. Whitener, who was born in 1837. Mr. Whitener was a brave soldier in the Confederate Army and fought in all the prominent battles of that war. Martha Jane was married to Mr. Whitener Jan. 16, 1866, by Rev. John Lantz. Mrs. Whitener died Feb. 3, 1896. She was a woman of the highest character, beloved by a host of friends. She was buried at Hickory, and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.

L. Murphy, D. D. Her husband is a man of prominence. Twice he represented his county in the legislature of the state, twice elected mayor of the town of Hickory, and served as county commissioner for eight years, and for six years was director of the Western Asylum at Morganton. He served his church as a ruling elder and as trustee of Catawba College.

Mary Isabel Shuford was born April 2, 1849. She married Robert Helton Feb. 1872. Their children are George Robert, Curtis Rolland, Annie Belle, Ira Lee, Willie Grace, Samuel Hoyle and Birdie Alice. Mrs. Helton is a member of Grace Reformed church and reflects the piety and integrity of her ancestors. She is a woman of fine character.

Eliza Alice Shuford was born Feb. 28, 1852. She married Mr. Adolphus Abernethy of Hickory. Mrs. Abernethy possesses many excellent traits of character.

George Lemuel Shuford was born Dec. 3, 1854, and married Carrie C. Rhodes March 18, 1884. The children of this marriage are: Charles Robert, Lois Catherine, John Sidney, George P., James Watson and Jacob Rhodes. His wife died October 31, 1898. They were married by the Rev. John Foil. Lemuel Shuford lives on the farm of his father and has engaged in farming. He is noted for his honesty, high sense of justice and kindness to the poor.

Alonzo Craig Shuford was born March 1, 1858. Married Willie Lowe of Catawba county on———. Their children are: Annie Lee, Malinda, and Sarah, and an infant. Craig Shuford is a man of fine mind and has been in public life. He was twice elected to represent the Seventh Congressional District in the National Congress of the United States. In his home life he is most happy, surrounded as he is by an interesting family of three.

daughters. His wife is a woman of culture and refinement.

Robert Lee Shuford was born March 4, 1865. Married Cora Wilfong. Robert is an extensive farmer owning and operating the largest dairy farm in Catawba county. He inherited many noble traits of character from his ancestors and magnifies these in a remarkable degree.



#### REV. M. H. HOYLE.

Maxwell Humphrey Hoyle, son of Noah Hoyle and Elizabeth Shuford Hoyle, was born June 10, 1841, in Lincoln, now Cleaveland County, N. C. His mother, Elizabeth Hoyle, was the youngest daughter of Col. David Shuford and sister of George P. Shuford, Esq. Mr. Hoyle was raised in Cleaveland County. He attended the best schools of the county. He was a member of Co. F. 34th Reg't, N. C. Troops in the Confederate Army. His regiment was in Lee's army. It was in about twenty-seven battles and skirmishes. Mr. Hoyle was in about twenty-one of them. He was a soldier three and a half years. He was converted when a little more than ten years old, and joined the M. E. Church South. He was licensed to preach at Wesley's Chapel in Catawba County, Aug. 19, 1867, and joined the South Carolina Conference in December of that year. He has had a pastoral charge every year to the present. Mr. Hoyle has been a close and life-long student. He stud-

ied Latin under Dr. Brantley York when he was thirty-six years old.

Mr. Hoyle married Miss Mary F. Lee of Union, S. C. His son, Jesse L., was educated at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. He is in the cotton mill business.

His daughter, H. Elizabeth, was educated at G. F. College, and at the State Normal, and in Kindergarten in New York City. She has been for five or six years in charge of graded schools. She now is in charge of school at Rutherfordton, N. C.

Mary E. was educated at G. F. College and at New York Art League, N. Y. City. She is teaching in the graded school at Lexington, N. C.

Helen Redwyne and Maude Shuford are members of the Junior class at the State Normal College.

Mr. Hoyle is now pastor of Weddington Circuit at Wardlaw, N. C., sixteen miles south of Charlotte, N. C.



#### ELIZABETH SHUFORD SMYRE.

Elizabeth Shuford was a daughter of Jacob Shuford, who died in 1844. Jacob Shuford was a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780. Martin Shuford was a son of John Shuford, who died in 1790.

John Smyre was born October 14, 1785, and died Feb. 25, 1877, aged 91 years, 4 months, and 11 days.

Elizabeth Shuford Smyre was born Sept. 3, 1790, and died Oct. 19, 1864.

The children of John and Elizabeth Shuford Smyre

are: Malinda Smyre, Eli Smyre, Rufus Smyre, Jacob Smyre, Mahala Smyre, Frank Smyre, Martha Smyre, Louisa Smyre, Fannie R. Smyre, Jenelah M. Smyre, Elkanah Smyre, Joseph H. Smyre, Louisa Smyre, Jones Smyre.

John Smyre was the owner of a fine farm in Catawba County, where he raised his family. He lived and died on his farm on the South Fork river. John Smyre was an honest, upright man, and loved by all who knew him.

Malinda Smyre married Joseph Rowe. Their home was in Catawba County. Their children are: Elizabeth Rowe, Julia Ann Rowe, Martha Rowe, Rosa Bella Rowe, Alonzo Rowe, Dallas Rowe.

Elizabeth Rowe married Caleb Herman and lives on a farm in Catawba County. He holds the office of elder in the Reformed church, and has been magistrate for many years. Their children are: Fidus Herman, Irene Herman, Ada Herman, Ed. Herman.

Julian Ann Rowe married Mr. Seitz. They are both dead.

Rosa Bella Rowe married a Mr. Cline.

Alonzo Rowe married Miss Jenela Deal of Caldwell County, N. C. He lived at Ennis, Texas, and was a successful business man, and was an active and influential member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. His wife and children are still living at Ennis, Texas. Their children are: Minnie Rowe, Lola Rowe, Carrie Rowe, John Shuford Rowe, Jenela Rowe, Willie Rowe, Josie Rowe.

Dallas Rowe married Miss Callie Finger and lives in Catawba County, where he served as superintendent of public schools several terms.

Martha Rowe married Mr. Payne, who was a soldier in the Confederate Army. After his death she married a Mr. Downs. One of their sons is a preacher and lives at Hudson, N. C.

Eli Smyre went to Texas when a young man, married and raised a family near Paris, Texas.

Rufus Smyre married Miss Dacus of Greenville, S. C., and lived there until the close of the Civil War; then moved with his family to Denton, Texas.

Jacob Smyre married Miss McCee. There were three children of this marriage: Cicero Smyre, Francis Smyre, Frances Smyre.

Cicero died in the Confederate War.

Francis lives at Conover. He married a Miss Miller of Catawba County, N. C. Their children are: Clinton Smyre, Lula Smyre, Bessie Smyre, Wirth Smyre, Tallie Mary Smyre, Ellen Smyre, Amy Smyre.

Clinton and Wirth are conductors on the railroad in the far West.

Lula Smyre married Rev. A. L. Boliek, a Lutheran minister. She is dead, and he is preaching at Newberry, Ind.

Bessie Smyre married a Lutheran minister, Rev. B. L. Westenberger, and they live in Ohio.

The rest are not married.

Mahala Smyer married Alexander Frazier of Catawba Co., N. C. The children are: Jenela Frazier, Frances Frazier, Frank Frazier.

Frances married Capt. Henry; after his death she married Mr. Noah Probst and lives in Catawba Co., N. C.

Frank died in the Confederate Army.

Frank Smyre married Miss Brannon of Galesville, Ala., and settled there. Their children are: Frank Smyre, Walter Smyre, Hanie Smyre.

Martha Smyre married Jake Smyre and moved to Texas Co., Mo. Their children are: William Smyre, Robert Smyre, Cyrus Smyre, Lizzie Smyre, Joe Frank Smyre, John Smyre, Emma Smyre.

Louisa Smyre died when seven years of age.

Fannie R. Smyre married Cyrus Frazier of Catawba Co., N. C. The children are: Emma Frazier, William Quince Frazier.

Emma Frazier married William Costner, son of Hon. A. Costner, of Lincoln Co., N. C. Their children are: Jennie E. Costner, Percy Cyrus Costner, Oscar Ambrose Costner, George Henry Costner, Adah Maie Costner, Alda Costner.

Jennie Costner married R. B. Robinson of Lincolnton, N. C., and moved to Dallas, Texas. Their children are: Gordon Robinson, George Robinson, Charlie Robinson. Gordon is at school in Columbia, S. C.

Percy Costner married Miss Cansler and owns a large farm in Lincoln Co. Their children are: Huit Costner, Paul Costner, Edith Costner, Mamie Costner.

Oscar Costner married Miss Hoover. They live in Lincoln Co. Their children are: Walter Costner, Willie Adah Costner.

Geo. Costner is a graduate of medicine from the University of Md. He is a young physician of prominence and located in Lincolnton.

Adah and Alda Costner are students of Lenoir Col-



lege, Hickory, N. C.

W. Quince Frazier went to Tenn. when young, married, is a farmer by occupation and lives at Newport, Tenn. Their children are: Charlie Frazier, Simpson Frazier, Oscar Frazier, Berwelle Frazier, Barto Frazier.

Fannie Smyre Frazier died Dec. 17, 1849.

Cyrus Frazier was a soldier in the Confederate Army. After the war he married Jenela Smyre, who died July 10, 1898. He now lives with his son-in-law, W. A. Costner, in Catawba Co., on the John Smyre farm.

Elkanah Smyre went to Cal. when a young man and lives at Plainsburg, Merced Co., Cal. He married late in life and has four children and is a successful ranchman.

Joseph H. Smyre married Miss Mary Ross, of Chester, S. C. Their children are: Robert Smyre, William R. Smyre, John Smyre, Tennie Smyre, Roxy Smyre, Mamie Smyre, Frank Smyre, Viola Smyre, Nancy Smyre, William Smyre, Bertha B. Smyre.

Robert married and lives at Chester, S. C., and is an engineer on the railroad.

William Smyre died young.

John Smyre married Miss Carper of Newton, N. C., and was killed on the railroad, near Asheville, N. C., while acting as engineer.

Tennie Smyre married Capt. Isaacs, and lives at Chester, S. C. He is a conductor on the railroad.

Roxy Smyre married a Mr. Gibson who is not living.

Mamie Smyre married Mr. H. A. Hoover and lives at Charlotte, N. C.

Frank Smyre died when a young man.

Viola Smyre married Mr. Brown. Their home is in

Columbia, S. C. He is aa engineer on the railroad.

Nancy Smyre is unmarried.

William Smyer of Chester, S. C., is a conductor or an engineer on the railroad.

Bertha B. Smyre married Mr. John Gall of Maiden, N. C. Their home is in Lenoir, N. C., and he is an operator.

The father of these children, Joseph Smyre, is not living. His widow lives at Chester, S. C.

Louesa Smyre died when very young.

Jones Smyre died from wounds received in the war while a soldier in the Confederate Army.



#### LAND GRANTS TO JOHN AND MARTIN SHUFORD.

No. 106.

To John Shuford 230 acres in Mecklenburg County on the West side of the South Fork of Catawba River on both sides of jumping branch joining Beganer, Isaac Johnstons and his own land. Beginning at a white oak, Jhonston's corner and runs with his line S. 30 west 200 poles to a black oak, his other corner on Legamir's line, thence with his line No. 30 west 216 poles to a black oak, thence No. 30 East 200 poles to a white oak joining his own land, thence to the beginning.

(Signed) WM. TRYON.

Dated Oct. 26th, 1767.

No. 107.

To John Shuford, 250 acres in Mecklenburg County on the West side of the South Fork of Catawba River joining his own new survey on the Broad Meadow. Beginning at a white oak near Michael Whitener's land and runs So. 75 West 200 poles to a black oak, thence South 15 East 200 poles to a white oak, thence North 75 East 200 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning.

Dated 26th Oct. 1767.

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No. 109.

To Martin Shufford, 100 acres in Mecklenburg on the West side the South Fork of the Catawba River joining John Shufford's So line.

Beginning at a black oak on John Shufford's line and runs So. 55 West 127 poles to a stake, thence South 35 East 127 poles W. O., thence No. 55 East 127 poles to a stake in John Shufford's line, thence with his line to the beginning.

Dated 26th Oct. 1767,

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It may be of some interest to learn the changes in name which Catawba and Lincoln Counties have undergone. From 1728 to 1734 Catawba and Lincoln Counties were embraced in New Hanover County; from 1734 to 1749 in Bladen County; from 1749 to 1762 in Anson County; from 1762 to 1768 in Mecklenburg County; from 1768 to 1779 in Tryon. Any deeds to John Shuford would most probably be found registered in Mecklenburg County.

## SHUFORD GRAVEYARD.

The Shuford Graveyard is found on the original John Shuford farm. The persons named here are buried there.

Cartrot Shuford died April 4, 1766. This is the first Shuford buried in this graveyard. The person named here is supposed to be a child of John and Sarah Shuford.

Philip Shuford died April 28, 1768. He is supposed to be a son of John and Sarah Shuford.

Sarah Shuford died April 8, 1786. She is buried by the side of John Shuford, her husband.

John Shuford died June 8, 1790. He is the father of the Shuford family in North Carolina.

Their graves have a heart and cross upon them.



## OLD FARM ON THE SOUTH FORK RIVER.

I learn from the *Piedmont Press*, that the old farm has been sold and passed out of the family. Permit me to utter a few parting words suggested by the occasion. The farm came into the hands of my father by descent from his father, and it was the home of my parents from the time of their marriage to the time of their death. Eleven children were born to them on this farm, eight of whom are still living.

The old plantation was at its best in the days of negro slavery. It was a home for the blacks, and I doubt not it is a dear spot to the surviving servants who labored

on it.

It saw the departure of the boys in gray, who went forth to establish the independence of the Southern Confederacy, and witnessed the return of all save one, who sleeps in a soldier's grave on the battle-ground of the Wilderness. There was rejoicing on the old farm when those boys came home, such as filled the home of the prodigal son when he returned to his father. The farm was near the river, whose waters afforded a pleasant place for bathing. Besides bathing, the boys hunted the rabbit by day and the opossum at night. These were our enjoyments in the happy past. The old farm was the home of hospitality. The traveler found there a resting place at night, and the poor were never turned from its doors empty. The words of the Savior, "The poor ye always have with you" were true in that place. There the minister of the Gospel was received with reverence due his sacred calling. The children were quiet in his presence, and even negro Dobson assumed a sanctified look when he took the parson's horse.

Farewell to the old farm. It has now passed into the hands of others. May it be to them a pleasant home.

Summum, Ill., 1885.

J. H. SHUFORD.



#### JOHN BAKER.

John Baker was born in 1775. He lived upon a farm in Lincoln County, now Catawba County, N. C. He married Catharine Yoder. She was born 1782. Catharine Yoder Baker was a daughter of Conrad Yoder who is the father of the Yoder family in N. C. The children

are: David Baker, born 1798,  
Elizabeth Baker, born 1801,  
Sarah Baker, born 1804,  
John Baker, born 1807,  
Catharine Baker, born 1810,  
Polly Baker, born 1813,  
Solomon Baker, born 1815,  
Eliza Baker, born 1820,  
Hannah Baker, born 1823. She died young.

John Baker was a member of the German Baptist church. His funeral was preached by Rev Rhodes, a minister of that church. His wife, Catharine Yoder Baker, died in August 1867. She was a member of the Baptist church, and is buried in the graveyard at Thessalonica Baptist church, Catawba County, N. C. The Baker family in Catawba County, N. C., are noted for their economy, integrity, and upright life. Their moral and religious life is of a high order. My mother was Catharine Baker, who married Jacob H. Shuford,



### GEORGE SHUFORD.

[The author of this branch of the Shuford family is the Hon. George A. Shuford, of Asheville, N. C.—J. H. S.]

George Shuford, from whom has sprung the Shuford family of Transylvania County, North Carolina, was, according to the best information which the writer has been able to obtain, a son of John Shuford, who has been styled in this book "the father of the Shuford family in North Carolina," and was born in Lincoln County in said

State, in the year 1754, and died in Buncombe County, now Transylvania County, on the 10th day of February 1825. The inscription on his tombstone is so dim at this time that it is impossible to make out the day and month of his birth, but the year of his birth and the date of his death are plainly discernible. He was married to Miss Mary Burrell, of Lancaster, Pa., in the year 1786, and moved from Lincoln County, N. C., to Buncombe County, now Transylvania County, in the year 1800. Mary Burrell, who afterwards became the wife of the said George Shuford, was born in the year 1761, and died in Buncombe County, now Transylvania County, in the year 1842.

George Shuford was one of six brothers, all of whom, according to family tradition, were over six feet high, and were men of robust constitutions and unusual physical strength and vigor, and most of them, if not all, lived to old age, and raised large families. They were all thrifty farmers, and some of them perhaps mechanics, and were all men of more than ordinary intellectual endowments, and were noted for their honesty and strict integrity. It was a common boast among these six brothers during their lives, that neither had ever failed to perform an obligation or to pay a debt when due, and that neither had ever been sued in court.

George Shuford, the special subject of this sketch, was first engaged in farming in Lincoln County, N. C., but afterwards removed to what is still known as the Shuford place, in the Little River mountains, about five miles from the confluence of Little River with the French Broad River, in the present County of Transylvania, formerly Buncombe County, as hereinbefore stated, for the purpose of grazing stock on what was then considered the wild Indian hunting grounds of the west. He

and his wife and children who accompanied him suffered many inconveniences and hardships incident to life in this primitive, wild and rugged country. One of the family traditions among his descendents is, that for several years first after his settlement in Buncombe County, he went regularly twenty miles to attend religious worship and thirty or forty miles to have his milling done. There are other traditions to the effect that his first embarkment in the business of grazing cattle proved disastrous, principally because the winters in the mountains proved to be much more rigorous than he contemplated, and he had not made sufficient provision for keeping his stock over winter. There is also a tradition that a number of his cattle were poisoned by drinking out of a mineral spring on his premises, and the spring is known to this day as the "poison spring," and is most frequently called by the mountaineers in the neighborhood "the pizen spring." At any rate he did not find his first location satisfactory, and within a few years thereafter purchased a farm on the French Broad River a short distance below the mouth of Little River, to which he removed with his family, and where he lived until the time of his death. He was an intelligent, industrious and thrifty farmer and raised his family in comfort and in the highest respectability. He was originally, according to tradition, a member of the Lutheran, or Reformed Church, but after moving to the mountains of Western North Carolina and finding no organization of the Lutheran, or Reformed Church, in that region, he attached himself to the Methodist Church, and was a devout and consistent member of that church until the day of his death. In those primitive days religious worship was often held by the Methodist people in country churches and country school-houses during the week, as



the circuit rider traveling over a large territory could not supply all his charges on Sundays, and notwithstanding George Shuford was a busy farmer, he and his wife were always present with their children on days of religious worship in the country churches accessible to them. The result of their marriage was five children, one son and four daughters, David, Sallie (or Sarah), Elizabeth, Fannie and Polly.

David Shuford, the eldest child and only son of George and Mary Shuford, was born November 3, 1788, and was married on August 3, 1818, to Sarah Orr, daughter of Col. Robt. Orr, also of the County of Transylvania, then Buncombe County, and died August 31, 1862, from injuries received by a fall through a platform at his mill. He inherited the characteristics of his ancestors, and was noted for his industry, honesty and liberal hospitality. He was an intelligent and successful farmer and accumulated a comfortable estate for the primitive country and early times in which he lived. He was for the greater part of his life a member of the Methodist Church, but was not bound by any sectarian principles or feelings. He entertained the greatest liberality for all Christian churches, and his house was a home for ministers of the gospel of all denominations. He was known far and wide as "Uncle Davie Shuford," but while he was known by that familiar appellation, no one enjoyed to a fuller extent than he the respect and confidence of his neighbors and fellow-citizens. His wife Sarah Shuford was born April 28, 1793, and died May 8, 1883. She was not only a strong woman physically, but was endowed with an unusually strong and vigorous mind which she retained in its full strength almost to the time of her death, at the ripe age of 90 years and 10 days. She was a woman of deep piety and

strong religious convictions. She was raised a Presbyterian, but joined the Methodist church with her husband, and notwithstanding her early training in the Presbyterian church where shouting was considered almost as a sacrilege, she believed in shouting, and often gave way to her emotions in her private devotions and shouted at her home in good old Methodist style. David and Sarah Shuford had born to them twelve children, to-wit, Mary Ann, born October 12, 1815, George, born May 5, 1817, John, born April 6, 1819, a third son who died in infancy was born March 11, 1821, Jason Israel, born April 13, 1822, Lorena Mira, born June 14, 1824, Clarisa, born September 27, 1826, Charles Slagle, born January 15, 1829, Jane Patton, born December 2, 1830, David Merrimon, born March 7, 1833, Carter Asbury, born April 11, 1835, Perry Sylvanus, born February 15, 1839. David and Sarah Shuford raised their eleven children who survived infancy, in the highest respectability and gave to them all the best educational advantages the country afforded at that time.

Mary Ann, the eldest child of David and Sarah Shuford, was married to Rev. Benjamin F. King, a Baptist minister, on September 15, 1836, and several years thereafter removed with her husband to the State of Georgia, where she died, on the ——— day of ——— 18—— at the ripe old age of ———. She had nine children, Christenah Taylor, born July 7, 1837, Adoniron S., born March 27, 1839, Hazeltine M., born September 2, 1842, Nicholas Wheeler, born February 21, 1845, Cleopatra, born February 14, 1848, Sarah C., born ——— 18——, Charles L., born June 6, 1853, Erwin P., born April 1, 1856, and Chapman G., born November 5, 1858. Many of her children have emigrated from Georgia and are located in various western states, and some of them are

now dead.

George Shuford, the second child and eldest son of David and Sarah Shuford, was first married to Louisa Melissa Beacham, of Greenville County, S. C., on November 6, 1845. She was of English descent by both parents, and was born February 17, 1824, and died April 27, 1866. There was never a more faithful wife nor a more devoted and loving mother than she. Her life was untiringly devoted to her husband and her children. She was deeply religious and her faith in God, and her belief in Christ and immortality amounted to knowledge. Her death was a triumphant transition from mortality to immortality, from earth to heaven. Those who witnessed her death whispered to each other that there must be immortality beyond the grave and that there must be a heaven, as they had seen her enter into glory.

There were born to George and Louisa M. Shuford six children: Talula Waverline, born January 22, 1846, John Elkanah, born November 26, 1847, Daniel Capers, born February 2, 1850, David Cary, born December 23, 1852, George Archibald, born August 1, 1855, and Elzy Sterling, born August 14, 1861.

George Shuford, after the death of his first wife, was again married, on the 24th day of November 1868, to Mrs. Carolina C. Jones, widow of Wiley W. Jones, by whom he had one daughter, Callie Shuford, who was born November 20, 1869. In his early manhood he served an apprenticeship as a mill-wright and mechanic, and for many years followed the mill-wright trade, and was also a contractor, and built a number of mills and factories in North Carolina and South Carolina. He was engaged either in building or repairing a cotton factory in Greenville County, S. C. when he met and became acquainted with Louisa Melissa Beacham, whom

he afterwards married. During a part of the time he was serving his apprenticeship he resided in the family of Daniel Shuford, at Lincolnton, N.C., and from this Daniel Shuford, and also from his grand-father, George Shuford, and his father, David Shuford, he learned many traditions of the Shuford family which he used to relate with much interest and great clearness to his own children. One of these traditions was to the effect that the first Shuford who crossed the Atlantic Ocean was named George and that he came to this country in company with a man by the name of Soamme or Summe who afterwards spelled his name Summey, and that they located in, or near York, Pa. John Shuford who afterwards came to North Carolina must have been a son of this original George Shuford. George Shuford, the son of David, after following his trade for many years finally gave up the same and devoted himself to farming and died on his farm near Brevard April 9, 1891.

Talula W. Shuford, the eldest child and only daughter of George and Louisa M. Shuford, was married to Alfred Erwin Gash on the 6th day of October 1869 and died July 20, 1883. Her husband, Alfred Erwin Gash, was accidently stabbed on the streets of Asheville on July 29, 1884, while attempting to separate two combatants and died from the effects of the wound August 30, of the same year. There were born to Alfred Erwin Gash four children, Leota F., Ineva T., Osceola and Flora F. Osceola died in infancy, but the other children of this marriage survive.

John Elkanah Shuford, second child and eldest son of George and Louisa M. Shuford moved to the State of Georgia in the year 1873 or 1874, and has resided in that state since said date. He was married to Jessie Patton, of Lafayette, Georgia, by whom he has two children,

both daughters. When he first removed to the State of Georgia he engaged in teaching school, but afterwards entered the mercantile business at Lafayette and continued in that business for a number of years. He afterwards purchased a farm near Menlo in that state, and moved to the same with his family, and has been engaged in farming for several years. He is a man of liberal education and untiring energy, and has enjoyed reasonable success in all the vocations of life in which he has engaged. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church and enjoys the respect and confidence of all his neighbors. He has never sought or held public office, preferring to occupy his time with his own private pursuits.

Daniel Capers Shuford, the third child and second son of George and Louisa M. Shuford, after engaging in several business enterprises, finally studied medicine, and after attending lectures in Atlanta, Ga., engaged in the practice of medicine, for a number of years, in Oconee County, S. C., and then returned to Brevard, N. C., and resided there for a short time. He afterwards emigrated to the Indian Territory where he resided for several years devoting himself to the practice of medicine. He finally removed to the State of Arkansas, where he engaged for a short time in farming, and where he died, on the 13th day of March 1901. His remains were removed by his brother, G. A. Shuford, and re-interred in the old Shuford burying ground on Little River in Transylvania County, on the 13th day of June of the same year. He was never married. He was a man of bright intellect and unusual capabilities, but seemed to lack steadiness of purpose and constancy of pursuit and consequently never accomplished that success in life which his friends predicted for him in his youth and early

manhood. He was of a cheerful, cordial disposition, and of ready wit, and had the special tact of making friends of all with whom he came in contact. It was indeed a remarkable and mysterious fatality which brought one of his social and friendly disposition to meet death solitary and alone in an isolated farm house in the dismal swamps of Arkansas.

David Cary Shuford, the fourth child and third son of George and Louisa M. Shuford, followed in the footsteps of his father, and served an apprenticeship as a millwright and carpenter, and afterwards engaged in building houses by contract and also in sawing and manufacturing lumber, in the State of South Carolina, and was enjoying reasonable success in business at the time of his death. He was killed in a cyclone at Chappell's S. C., where he was erecting a depot for a railroad company, on the 19th day of February 1884, and was interred at Seneca, S. C., where he had for a number of years made his home. As indicating the esteem in which he was held by the community in which he lived, the writer has frequently been told by citizens of the town of Seneca, that a larger concourse of people attended his burial than had ever before attended the obsequies of any other person in the town. He was an energetic, earnest, faithful and intelligent business man, and but for his untimely death would doubtless have attained large business success. He was never married.

George Archibald Shuford, the fifth child and fourth son of George and Louisa M. Shuford, studied law and has devoted his life to that profession. His career and success as a lawyer prior to the time of his promotion to the Bench, as hereinafter stated, is agreeably told by Col John D. Cameron in a sketch written by him for publication in the "Cyclopedia of Eminent Men of the



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Asheville, N. C.





Carolinas" published in the early part of 1892, Col. Cameron had for many years lived in the same town with the subject of the sketch and had been on the most intimate relations with him, and was well prepared to speak of his characteristics. Col. Cameron was also intimately acquainted with the Shuford family and his references to the early history of the family will doubtless be of interest to the readers of this book. In reference to the subject of this sketch Col. Cameron writes as follows:

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Biography has wider and more useful service than in ministering to the vanity of its subject or the pride of its friends; something more noble even than the record of distinction in whatever field of work it has been achieved. Its true mission is to seize upon such points of character and career as may be presented for imitation, emulation or encouragement; and even the humblest of men in conscientious discharge of duty, faithful application of the means opportunity presents to their use, perseverance under opposition, fortitude under adversity, courage under trial, integrity under temptation, may illustrate more usefully and splendidly those characteristics of humanity which enoble and adorn it, than those more dazzling and striking examples which mankind is more apt and ready to take up as its idols and exemplars. What is worth following, worth imitating, worth worshipping, is not universally found in that higher sphere of action to which ambition chiefly directs its aim. Without question the pages of history are adorned with names so indelibly inscribed with deeds of almost superhuman achievements that they can never lose their hold, so long as history and society last and hold together upon human admiration and as spurs to human imitation. But

rare are those characters which sustain the scrutiny of analysis, and emerge from it free from the taint of counterbalancing vices and infirmities. It is rather in the more modest walks of life, in that intermediate stage of action, where the actor is playing his part for the present, not like Napoleon, for the eternity of time and the admiration of posterity, but with reference to present good and contemporary influence, that the most useful and practical exemplars for the young, and the most encouraging examples for the struggling must be sought. In a few brief, strong words, the Latin poet presents the real idea of the man who is to make the proper impress upon the present, without concerning himself with the thought of a remote temporal future: "*Justum et tenacem propositi virum*;" a man just in his dealings with his fellow man, a man fixed in his principles and tenacious in adherence to them, a man so just that he cannot be dishonest, and so brave and sincere that he cannot be corrupt; and when to this lofty heathen ideal is super-added those graces that Christian doctrine so generally imparts, the daily walks of life will provide abundant illustrations of useful and admirable character and career without seeking for such in the lofty and resplendent sphere of world renowned public fame and service.

In such daily walk we find the subject of this sketch, George A. Shuford, living illustration of what virtues and characteristics are needed for the perfection of an honorable and useful career, both in its private and public relations. He was born in the county of Buncombe, State of North Carolina, August 1, 1855. His parentage was such as to give assurance of the perpetuation in unbroken line of moral and mental features stamped upon the individuality of a long succession of generations. His father's family was that of German stock, now so

firmly rooted in the middle and western portions of North Carolina, into which it was transplanted during the middle of the last century, after having flourished and greatly increased in Pennsylvania. The spirit of emigration seized upon the Pennsylvania colonists when their numbers compelled the occupation of ampler territory, and, governed by characteristic sagacity, the emigrants sought that fertile, beautiful, and then almost unoccupied region extending parallel with the Blue Ridge through Virginia down into South Carolina, and including the rich valleys watered by the head streams of the many rivers which pursue their devious courses to the distant Atlantic. In this region, with German tenacity, they remained fixed, as if in the language of the Indian finding the locality that filled all his hopes and wishes, they had said, "here we rest." For though in turn they have sent out their surplus, and, with their population, invigorated other lands, the main body still remains where it first planted itself, unchanged in those characteristics of peacefulness, industry, thrift, integrity and fixity of purpose, which have always distinguished that branch of the human family.

The Shuford family were Alsatians, coming early in colonial history to Pennsylvania. From that state members of it removed before the war of the Revolution, to the county of Lincoln, into that part now known as Catawba N. C. The great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a member of a family of six brothers, all of them noted for their strength and stature, all of them exceeding six feet in height. All were farmers, prosperous and independent. They were all intelligent, and their names were synonymous with integrity. The early record shows that they filled various places of honor and trust, the legacy of a good and honored name

perpetuated to the present day throughout Western North Carolina. The great-grandfather of George A. Shuford settled in Buncombe County, in that portion now erected into the county of Transylvania, soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, engaging in stock-raising; to which the character of the country offered peculiar inducements. He lived there useful and honored until his death at a ripe old age. He had only one son, David Shuford, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who, inheriting the characteristics of his ancestors, was noted for his industry, generosity, hospitality, and stern integrity. He was endowed with a strong natural intellect, a high sense of honor and justice, and a broad liberality for his fellow men. He was a patriarch and arbiter in the primitive community in which he lived, whose advice was often sought for and whose judgment in matters of controversy among his neighbors was usually final. He raised a large and honorable family of sons and daughters. George Shuford, the eldest son of David Shuford, was the father of the subject of this sketch. In his earlier years he engaged largely in the mechanic arts, in which he became skillful and successful; but his later years were given to the labors and pleasures of the farm, carefully avoiding the cares of public life, passing away at a good old age, leaving behind him the memory of a useful, honest, and respected name. He was twice married. His first wife was Louisa M. Beachem, a native of Greenville, S. C. She was of an English family which had for several generations lived in South Carolina. By the first marriage there were five sons and one daughter. On the death of his first wife, Mr. Shuford married again, and the issue of the second marriage was one daughter.

George A. Shuford was the fourth son at the time pre-

viously mentioned. His early years, passed like those of most country boys, leave no especial mark for the note of the biographer. His first step in the march of life was in the Sand Hill Academy in Buncombe County, near which his father then resided, and afterwards he was placed at Davidson's River Academy in the present county of Transylvania. His teacher there was Mr. A. D. Farmer, regarded as a well qualified, but somewhat eccentric pedagogue. He entered successively the academies at Brevard, under Dr. McNeil Turner, and the Franklin high school, under Mr. Daniel M. Jones, and attaching himself to that gentleman when he removed to Waynesville, he employed a portion of his time from 1874 to 1876 in teaching; he then entered Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and there completed a special course of study. During the fall of 1877 he taught school, and meanwhile pursued a course of study preparatory to engaging in the study of the law which he had chosen as his profession. Thus, after long years of patient preparation and looking forward, he took the decisive step toward the attainment of those honors, and it may be added, those emoluments which reward the pursuit of the law, of all professions the one most sure to bring into prominence the noblest character of the man, the real qualifications of the student; illustrating the one by illustrating the virtues of integrity and fidelity to responsibilities assumed, and confirming public confidences by the possession of those acquirements of legal learning and enlarged general information without the possession of which the lawyer is imperfectly equipped either for the attainment of honors or professional reputation.

Mr. Shuford began the study of law in Waynesville, N. C., under the instructions of the Hon. J. C. L. Gud-

ger and Mr. Garland S. Ferguson; the first to become subsequently an honored judge of the Twelfth judicial district; the other for eight years the able solicitor for the same district. He soon afterwards entered the law school at Greensboro, N. C., conducted by the Hon. Robert P. Dick, judge of the United States district court, and the Hon. John H. Dillard, then associate-justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. A school under instructors of such eminence assured the solidity of the acquirements of its eleves, and accordingly, after a highly satisfactory and honorable examination before the Supreme Court of North Carolina, Mr. Shuford was admitted in January, 1879, to practice in all the courts of the state, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Waynesville, alone at first, but soon after associating himself with Mr. Alden Howell, an experienced practitioner of that town. At the end of two years this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Shuford removing to Asheville, and entering into partnership with the Hon. Thomas D. Johnston, which association was continued until Mr. Johnston was elected to the national congress as a member of the house of representatives. After practicing alone for two years, Mr. Shuford entered into partnership with Mr. W. W. Jones, which connection still exists. A firm unsurpassed in Asheville for its hold upon public confidence, gained through the professional learning of its members, their lofty personal character, their interest in their clients, their inflexible regard to duty. In these gentlemen the profession of the law is illustrated with its traditional luster and elevated to the dignity through which it should always exact popular reverence.

In 1884 Mr. Shuford was elected presiding justice of the inferior court of Buncombe County. The court was

given limited criminal jurisdiction, not embracing capital offenses, yet the cognizance of the lower grades of crime gave ample field for the display of learning, and also for the exercise of firmness, impartiality, and also mercy when wise consideration for the public interest justified it. All these qualifications were so strongly and happily blended in the judicial character of Judge Shuford, that, during the term of four years during which he served, he daily added to the respect and confidence of the people while he inspired a wholesome fear in the minds of offenders; and then returned to duties of his private pursuits crowned with the reward accorded to the good and faithful officer. With this exception Mr. Shuford has never aspired to office. He is a politician to the extent expected from every good citizen, a man alive to the public interests, feeling sensibly the need of entrusting their conduct to good and able men, jealous of the public liberties, sensitive to the public honor, zealously hostile to whomsoever or whatsoever may attempt to abridge the one or tarnish the other. To this extent he is a politician, and a trusted and watchful member of the Democratic party to which he belongs, and as testimony to his unflinching fidelity to his party principles, and the wisdom and value of his counsels, he has ably served as the chairman of the county democratic executive committee, and of the executive committee of the judicial district in which he resides. But he has steadily suppressed all aspirations for the political honors, which, with his consent, would be so readily accorded to him. As a member of the state democratic convention of North Carolina of 1888, he served on the committee on platform and resolutions, and, as one of a subcommittee of two, he, with his associate, drafted the platform which was adopted by the convention, on

which the democratic party waged its campaign, and under which a splendid victory was won for democracy. In private life he is of an exceptionally amiable disposition, sprightly in conversation, intelligent, and read in the best literature of the day, a sincere and active Christian, a worthy member of the Methodist church. As a citizen he is public spirited and liberal, and participates and often leads in those intelligent measures having as their objects the improvement and advancement of the fine section of which he is a native. In his professional career he has already attained a name and eminence honorable to his character, and his efforts and achievements gained in a comparatively brief professional life. To few men does the pathway of the future open a fairer or more prosperous career.

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Geo. A. Shuford, the subject of the foregoing sketch, was appointed Judge of the Superior Court for the 12th Judicial District of North Carolina, by Gov. Thomas M. Holt, on the 10th day of Feb. 1892, in the place of Judge James H. Merrimon resigned, and was elected to the same office by the people at the general election held in the same year, and was again commissioned as Judge of the Superior Court by Gov. Elias Carr, on the 21st day of March 1893 for a term of eight years. He served as Judge until January 1895, when he again retired to private life, and resumed the practice of law at Asheville, North Carolina, and has since been actively engaged in the pursuit of his chosen profession. He was married to Miss Julia Dean, of Floyd County, Georgia, on the 27th day of Dec. 1892, and the result of this marriage is two children, George Adams, born September 5, 1895, and Mary Frances, born May 2, 1897.

Elzy Sterling Shuford, sixth child and fifth son of



George and Louisa Shuford, was born August 14, 1861, and died at the home of his father near Brevard, N. C., on April 22, 1885. He was a young man of a bright intellect, studious habits and an exemplary character. His health became impaired by overwork at school, and although he was given the best medical attention the country afforded, he was never able to regain his health. He was of a deeply religious nature, and wrote in his own hymn book the exact time and manner of his conversion and the date of his becoming a member of the Methodist Church, in which he lived consistently until the day of his death.

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John Shuford, the third child and second son of David and Sarah Shuford, followed in the footsteps of his brother George, and was serving an apprenticeship as millwright and machinist, in the County of Lincoln, N. C., when he there contracted typhoid fever, from which disease he died, on the 4th day of September 1841. He was a young man of fine physique, robust health, and sober and industrious habits, and would doubtless have attained marked success in life but for his untimely death. He was never married.

Jason Israel Shuford, the fourth child and third son of David and Sarah Shuford, died on the 23 day of December 1895, in his 74 year. He was a man of many marked peculiarities, not to say eccentricities, but withal was a most exemplary and useful citizen and kind and considerate neighbor. If there was sickness or distress in his community, he was the first to find it out and the first to offer substantial assistance. His devotion to his aged mother was an illustration of his affectionate disposition and his kindness of heart. He was a man full of moods, and when in the least perplexed over business or other

affairs, would assume a degree of silence which was uncomfortable and sometimes almost distressing to those about him. The writer has frequently been present when he would sit in the same room with cheerful company for hours without speaking a word, and he would often continue in this mood for days. On one occasion when the writer of this sketch had been absent from the country for more than a year attending college, and, on his return to the country, had put himself to considerable inconvenience to visit his uncle Jason Israel, he was saluted by his uncle in three monosyllables contracted into one word, "how'er-you;" and, although the writer remained at his house for at least twenty-four hours he did not address a single other remark to his guest, until the latter was almost in the act of taking his leave of the family, when his uncle repaired to his room and brought forth an elegant gold watch and presented it to his nephew with the laconic presentation speech "you can have this." At other times when the writer would visit at his house he would find him in a most loquacious mood, and would soon realize that the best method of entertaining him was to assume the role of an attentive auditor.

He was a man of fine intellect, considerable reading and of a wide range of information on practical subjects, and, when in a conversational mood, would talk most interestingly. He had some knowledge of mesmerism or hypnotism, and in his earlier manhood would occasionally amuse himself by practicing this power or influence on others, but in his latter years he could not be induced to attempt the exercise of this art, saying that he considered it wrong. He also had much practical knowledge of mineralogy, and would spend days and sometimes weeks wandering alone in the great

mountains prospecting for minerals. He acquired much valuable information concerning mineral veins and deposits in the mountains of Western North Carolina, which he never communicated to any one and which was lost with his death. He was also a successful hunter and trapper, and spent much time alone in the recesses of the mountains trapping for wolves and other wild animals, in which sport he had great success. He also had the power of charming snakes, or at least some secret art of catching and controlling snakes, and has often been known to capture and bring home with him the most venomous and poisonous reptiles without harm to himself. He was never married, and the explanation for his remaining a bachelor was doubtless best told by himself. When asked on one occasion why he had not married he remarked that he 'had never seen but one woman whom he cared to marry, and that she said nothing about it and neither did he,' and the presumption is that she never learned of his devotion. Those who knew him best and longest were curious to learn who this woman was, as he was never known to show the slightest attention to the opposite sex beyond common civility. He was a good business man, and while he never seemed to put forth any special effort to make money or save property, he accumulated a very comfortable estate, which he left to his collateral heirs, having made no will. He lived with his mother and his sister Jane, who also never married, until the death of his mother, and then he lived with his sister Jane at his own homestead until his death. He did not connect himself with the church until late in life, but some ten years before his death he made a profession of religion and united himself with the Methodist church and lived a devoted and consistent Christian life until the final

summons came.

Lorena Mira Shuford, the second daughter and sixth child of David and Sarah Shuford, was married to Enoch LaFayette Cunningham, on the 24th day of August, 1848, and died at her home in Asheville, N. C., on the 4th day of December, 1900, in her seventy-sixth year. Her husband Enoch LaFayette Cunningham was born Feb. 2, 1828, and died December 11, 1900, only five days after the death of his wife. Enoch LaFayette and Lorena M. Cunningham had born to them four children who died in infancy, and six children whom they raised to maturity, to-wit, Sarah Jane, born August 28, 1853; Mary Ann, born Nov. 21, 1857; Jason Fanning, born April 19, 1860; David Enoch, born Sept. 2, 1863; Mira Adelaide, born Jan. 28, 1867; and Ira Eugene, born —

Sarah Jane Cunningham after completing her education at the Asheville Female College, and engaging for a short time in teaching, died on the 30th day of Sept. 1875.

Mary Ann Cunningham was married to Samuel W. Ray, on the 22 day of October, 1874, and this marriage has been blessed with one son and four daughters, to-wit, Avon O., Lorena C., Stella M., Hellen Effie, and Leslie Mary.

Jason Fanning Cunningham was married in the State of Arkansas to Miss Kittie Melton, of that state, on the 6th day of November, 1886, and this marriage is without issue.

David E. Cunningham was married to Miss Louisa Ray, on the 12th day of May, 1887, and the result of this marriage has been two sons and three daughters, to-wit, Nellie Mira, Nina Clyde, Enoch LaFayette, William Jason and Jessie May.

Mira Adelaide Cunningham was married to Robert

S. Stewart, on the 13th day of August, 1890. The result of this marriage has been a number of children, only three of whom survive, to-wit, Roy Bascombe, Harry Schartle and Elbert Eugene.

Ira Eugene Cunningham was married to Miss Estelena Stradley, on the 27th day of July, 1890, and by her has had six children. They emigrated several years ago to the state of Texas, where they still reside.

Enoch LaFayette and Lorena Mira Cunningham raised their family in the highest respectability, and gave to their two eldest daughters a collegiate education, and to their other children such educational advantages as were furnished by the private schools of Asheville at that time. Mrs. Cunningham was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, and in the latter part of her life devoted much of her time to church work. The ambition of her life was to see North Asheville Church established on a substantial basis and housed in a suitable edifice. Enoch LaFayette Cunningham was an honest, industrious man and an exemplary, useful and most highly respected citizen; and his children are following in his footsteps and are exemplifying the principles in which they were brought up.

Clarrissa C. Shuford, the third daughter and seventh child of David and Sarah Shuford, was married to Benjamin Merrill and by him had two children, Ben Perry Merrill, a successful farmer, who resides in the County of Transylvania, and Rhuemma who married Luther Hamilton, and is now dead leaving children. Mrs. Clarrissa Merrill died July 7, 1874, in her forty-eighth year.

Charles Slagle Shuford, fifth son and eighth child of David and Sarah Shuford, left this country November 1, 1850, for the purpose of prospecting for a new home either in Georgia or in some of the western states. He

never wrote back, and was last heard of in the state of Alabama only a short time after his departure from home. It is supposed that he was either murdered or met death by some sudden and accidental means. When last heard of he was contemplating embarkment on a steamer on the Alabama River, and about the same time the wreck of a steamer on the Alabama was reported in which many lives were lost, and it has been thought probable by his family that he perished in this wreck. Various Shufords have from time to time been heard of in the western states who his family and friends have supposed might possibly be Charles Slagle Shuford, but on investigation the persons heard of have proved, in each case, to be some other descendant of the original John Shuford of Catawba County who had emigrated to the west.

Jane P., fourth daughter and ninth child of David and Sarah Shuford, was never married. She lived with her mother until her mother's death, in 1883, and then resided with her brother Jason Israel Shuford until his death in 1895, and then with her brother C. A. Shuford. She died in Asheville, N. C., while on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Cunningham, on the 13th day of September, 1898, of typhoid fever. She was a woman of an exemplary life and character and an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist church. While she had no means of making money except by the accretion of what her father had left her, by her economy and judicious investments she had managed to increase that patrimony several fold, and at the time of her death was possessed of a very comfortable estate for the community in which she lived, which she left to her collateral heirs.

David Merrimon Shuford, the sixth son and tenth child of David and Sarah Shuford, was married to Miss

Sarah Jane Neill, daughter of Mr. Geo. Neill, of Transylvania County, North Carolina, on the 17th day of June, 1875, and he and his wife both survive. They have had born to them seven children all of whom are still living, to-wit, Fred, Claudius, Stella, Lola, Lorena, George and Maud. Fred, the eldest child and son, married Miss Leila, daughter of Landrum and Evaline Coxe, of Transylvania County, and is engaged in the mercantile business at Brevard, N. C. Stella, the third child of David Merrimon and Sarah Jane Shuford, married Mr. John Coxe and has emigrated with her husband to the state of California, where they now reside.

Carter Asbury Shuford, seventh son and eleventh child of David and Sarah Shuford, has been twice married, first to Miss Julia A. Hood, daughter of Harvey and Jane Hood, of Transylvania County, on the 17th day of June, 1875, who died on the 19th day of Sept. 1885; and he was again married, on the 11th day of November, 1897, to Miss Ursula A. Sinard, daughter of Capt. and Nellie Lee Sinard, of Transylvania County, and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Nellie Glazner, who was before marriage a Miss Lee of Virginia, and of the same family from which Gen. Robt. E. Lee was descended. Mrs. Nellie Lee Glazner, great-grandmother of Mrs. Shuford, lived to the age of 105 years, and retained her mental faculties and enjoyed excellent health almost to the time of her death. C. A. Shuford has not been blessed with children, either by his first or second marriage.

Perry Sylvanus Shuford, the eighth son and twelfth child of David and Sarah Shuford, was married to Miss Mary M., daughter of Perry and Sarah E. Orr, on the 13th day of November, 1868. He and his wife both survive. There have been born to them six children,

all of whom are still living, to-wit, William Earnest, Sarah Jane, Charles S., Franklin Perry, Bessie Lenora, and Julia F.

William Earnest Shuford, eldest child of Perry and Mary Shuford, after receiving an academic education, emigrated to the state of California where he resided several years. He afterwards returned to North Carolina and studied law at the State University, at Chapel Hill, receiving his license to practice law on the 30th day of September, 1895, and has since been engaged in the practice of the law and in the loan and brokerage business, at Asheville, N. C., where he still resides. He was married on the 5th day of September, 1900, to Miss Cora Park, of Indiana, who died on the 16th day of August, 1902, leaving one son, who still survives. He is a young man of talent and doubtless has before him a successful career.

Charles S. Shuford, second son of Perry S. and Mary Shuford, after attending school at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, N. C., served an apprenticeship in machine shops in Birmingham, Ala., and is a machinist and electrician. He was married in the year 1901 to Miss Ada Church, of Decatur, Ala., where he now resides. The other children of Perry S. and Mary M. Shuford reside with their parents.

David Merrimon, Carter Asbury and Perry Sylvanus Shuford all reside near the mouth of Little River, in the County of Transylvania, on parts of the old homestead of their father David Shuford. Carter Asbury now owns the old homestead purchased by George Shuford when he removed from the mountains to the valley, and on which the said George Shuford raised his family and where he was living at the time of his death. They are all intelligent, prosperous farmers and representatives



of the highest citizenship. They all served with distinction in the Confederate Army. David Merrimon and Perry Sylvanus having enlisted in the 65th North Carolina Regiment, 6th Cavalry, known as Folk's Cavalry, at the organization of that command, and having served in the same until the end of the war, and Carter Asbury having attached himself to the 34th North Carolina Regiment, Scales's Brigade, and having served in the same until completely disabled by a wound received in battle, on the 22nd day of June, near Petersburg, Va., from which he has never entirely recovered. They were all gallant soldiers and won distinction for bravery on various occasions. There are no better citizens or truer men than these three brothers and only survivors of the children of David Shuford. They are all members of the Methodist Church and lead lives consistent with their professions. Of the seven sons of David and Sarah Shuford who reached the age of maturity not one was in the least dissipated, and all were members of the church and men of the highest moral characters. In fact no descendant of David Shuford has ever used whiskey or other intoxicants to the least excess, with one exception, and only two or three of his descendants have ever been addicted to the use of tobacco in any form whatever. The same can be said, so far as the writer knows, of all the descendants of George Shuford, the father of David Shuford, with only two or three exceptions. Dr. Daniel C. Shuford after having attained the age of more than thirty years, while engaged in the practice of medicine and while the owner of a drug store, became addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic liquors, but abandoned the habit entirely for several years previous to his death. The people in the community where he died expressed great surprise when told that he had ever used intoxicants. He was the only

exception so far as the writer knows, to the rule of absolute sobriety among the descendants of David Shuford.

Sarah (usually called Sallie) Shuford, second child and eldest daughter of George and Mary Shuford, was born in 1790, and was married to Burgis Lake in 1818, and immediately thereafter removed with her husband to the state of Missouri, where she resided until the time of her death. In a letter written to her sister, Elizabeth Orr, in about the year 1867 she stated that she then had living forty grand-children and forty-seven great-grand-children.

Elizabeth Shuford, third child and second daughter of George and Mary Shuford, was born on March 3, 1792, and was married to Col. William Orr in 1822, and died on the 6th day of January 1879, in her 87th year. Her husband, Col. William Orr, was a son of Col. Robt. Orr, and a brother to Mrs. Sarah Shuford, wife of David Shuford. He was a man of considerable prominence in in the County of Buncombe, where he resided. He was a commissioned Colonel of the Militia, a position of honor during the times in which he lived, and was also a member of the State Legislature during the administration of Andrew Jackson, and was distinguished as a Jacksonian Democrat. He was born on the 18th day of December 1790, and died on the 1st day of October, 1844. His death was caused by injuries received, while on his way to market in South Carolina, by the running away of a team which he was driving. There were born to William and Elizabeth Orr only two children, Columbus Orr and Perry C. Orr. Columbus Orr was married to Miss Christiana (always called Chrissie) Beachem, sister of Louisa M. Shuford, wife of George Shuford, on March 12, 1848, and died during the year 1864, from sickness contracted in the service of the Confederate

Army. Columbus and Chrissie Orr had born to them five children, only one of whom now survives. Four were swept away in less than a week's time in childhood by that most dreadful of all diseases, diphtheria. Prior to this time Columbus Orr had been a Godless man, and much given to dissipation, but this great bereavement worked a complete reformation in his life. He was never known again to taste whiskey as a beverage. He immediately joined the church and was a most ardent Christian and died a most triumphant Christian death.

Perry C. Orr was married to Sarah E. Greer, on the 22nd day of December, 1847, and died on the 27th day of January, 1900. His wife Sarah Orr died in the year 1874. There were born to Perry and Sarah Orr six children, five of whom were raised to maturity and still survive. Perry Shuford married the second daughter of Perry C. Orr, and the only apology he ever offered for marrying the daughter of his double first cousin, was that she was the best woman he could find.

Fannie Shuford, the third daughter and fourth child of George and Mary Shuford, was born in 1795, and married Samuel King, in 1826, and shortly thereafter removed with her husband to the state of Missouri. The result of this marriage was two sons, but their names are unknown to the writer.

Mary Shuford (always known as Polly), the youngest daughter and fifth child of George and Mary Shuford, was born August 13, 1797, and was married to Charles Slagle, on November 5, 1828, and died June 25, 1868, in her 71st year. Her husband Charles Slagle was born Sept. 21, 1793, and died December 25, 1858, in his 65th year. They had no children. Polly inherited the old homestead of her father, George Shuford, and lived and died in the house which he built shortly after his first

settlement in the mountains.



### JACOB SHUFORD.

Jacob Shuford is a son of John Shuford who died in 1790. He married Barbara Hoover. The children of Jacob Shuford and wife are Ephraim, Clarrissa, Israel, Pelly and Sarah. The home of Jacob Shuford was in Lincoln, now Catawba County, N. C.

His son, Ephraim Shuford, married a Miss Bradford, and lived in Alexander County, N. C.

Sarah Shuford, a daughter of Jacob Shuford, married Jacob Link, of Lincoln, now Catawba County, N. C. The children of Jacob Link are: David, John, Anna, Clarrissa, Lawson, and Ephraim. David married Miss Mahala Poovey, and lived in Catawba, then in Caldwell County,

John Link married Eliza Poovey, and lived in Caldwell County.

Anna Link married Jesse Hahn. Their home was in Catawba County, N. C. Jesse Hahn and wife were members of Zion Lutheran church, Catawba County, N. C. They were upright people in their day and generation. Their son, Robert Hahn, died a soldier in the Confederate Army. Their son, Augustus Hahn, now lives at Hickory, N. C.

Clarrissa Link married Levi Seitz. Their home was in Catawba County, N. C.

Israel Shuford, son of Jacob Shuford, married a Miss Davis. Their home was in Catawba County, N. C. Their son, Solomon Shuford, lives in Catawba, N. C.

He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, 23d N. C. Regiment, and was captured at Gettysburg, Pa.

Clarrissa Shuford, a daughter of Jacob Shuford, married a Mr. Martin. Their home was in N. C.

Polly Shuford, a daughter of Jacob Shuford, married John Clay. Their home was near Shelby, N. C.



#### JOHN SHUFORD AND FAMILY—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14.

Quince Shuford, a son of John Shuford, was born May 4, 1826. He was born and reared in Catawba, N. C. He married Julia Petty, of Wilkes County, N. C. He attended a medical school at Charleston, S. C. He first practiced medicine at Newton, N. C. Before the War between the States, he moved to Tyler, Texas, where he still lives. The writer regrets that no one has furnished him with a historical sketch of Dr. Quince Shuford, of Tyler, Texas. As a physician he stands at the head of his profession. He is a man of age, but is still active in his profession. After his death, some one will write a sketch of his life and tell of his great worth to his fellowmen. In the world of medical science he has been very useful to his fellowmen.

Henry Shuford, a son of John Shuford, was born Nov. 24, 1829. He lived and died in Texas. He married Laura Petty, of Wilkes County, N. C. She was a sister of the wife of Dr. Quince Shuford. He died October 1901, aged 72 years.

Pinkney Shuford, a son of John Shuford, was born in Catawba County, N. C., Feb. 6, 1832. He married Nancy Turner, of Catawba County, N. C. The children of the marriage are: Dora, Laura, Florence, Gussie, Fannie, Sallie, and Pinkney. Only two of the children are now living, namely Sallie who married a Mr. Fry, of Newton, N. C., and Pinkney who now lives at Newton, N. C. Gussie Shuford, a daughter of Pinkney Shuford, married Mr. Crawford Clapp, son of Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., late president of Catawba College, Newton, N. C. Gussie Clapp, wife of Crawford Clapp, is not living. She was a member of the Methodist church, and lived and died a good woman.

Pinkney Shuford now lives at Newton, N. C. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and served with honor and distinction. He became a soldier in 1861; was orderly sergeant, then ordnance sergeant; later was made second lieutenant, and afterward was promoted to captain. He was the only officer in his regiment at the time of the surrender. He was a member of Company E, 32nd N. C. Regiment, Rhodes's Division, Ewell's Corps. He fought at Gettysburg and in all the battles in which Rhodes's Division was engaged.

Susan C. Shuford, a daughter of John Shuford, married Jackson Walker in November 18, 1855. She died June 30, 1857. There was one son of this marriage, namely, P. B. Walker, who died March 1900, in Warrenton, Ga.

## LAWRENCE STANLEY SHUFORD.

The life of Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford begins on page 24. Lawrence Stanley Shuford, a son of Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford, was born Feb. 25, 1851, in Fredrick County, Md. He was married May 3, 1882, to Jennie Etta Burfoot, who was born March 13, 1857, in Camden County, N. C. There are 4 children of this marriage, 2 boys and 2 girls. The children are:

Mortimer Lawrence Shuford, born Jan. 31, 1884, in Burkittsville, Frederick County, Md.

Agnes Mercer Shuford and Catherine Camille Shuford, twins, were born Jan. 21, 1886, in Burkittsville, Frederick County, Md.

Lawrence Stanley Shuford, Jr., was born in Hagerstown, Washington County, Md.

Lawrence Stanley Shuford lives at Hagerstown, Md., and is engaged in merchandising. He and family are members of the Reformed church, Hagerstown, Md. The pastor is Dr. S. Kieffer, a prominent divine in the Reformed church.



## ANN RANSON SHUFORD.

Ann Ranson Shuford, daughter of Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford, was born February 14, 1849, in Lovettsville, Loudon County, Va. She married Charles H. Welck. There is one daughter of this marriage, namely, Julia Shuford Welck. She married William Powers Beard. Her home is at Hagerstown, Md.

PHILIP SHUFORD, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 95.

Philip Shuford was a son of Martin Shuford, who died in 1780, and a grandson of John Shuford, who died in 1790. His wife, Anna Abernethy Shuford, died July 22, 1834, aged 42 years.

Philip Shuford died 1859, aged 78 years, 1 month and 18 days.

Philip Shuford and wife are buried at Grace church, Catawba County, N. C.

At the request of Hon. Geo. A. Shuford, the printers note the following corrections:

Page 125: The sentence "The inscription \* \* \* discernible" should apply to George Shuford's wife, Mary, and not to him. He was born August 5, 1754.

Page 129: 4th line from top, for "Beacham" read Beachem.

" " 18th line from top, for "Talula," read Talulah.

" " 10th line from bottom, for "Carolina," read Caroline.

" 140: 2nd line from bottom, for "May 2," read May 23.

" 144: 15th line from top, fill blank—May 12, 1871.

Page 76: 16th line from top, for "Zahring," read Zaring.

" 13: 9th line from top, for "Lincolnton," read Catawba County.

[We disclaim responsibility for the inequality in the appearance of the different pages and parts of this pamphlet, such as capital letters, punctuation, spelling, and even the paper, which was furnished at different times. The time occupied in getting it out has been about fifteen months. Sometimes we were compelled to stop and wait weeks, even months, for matter.—THE PRINTERS.]













